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Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study-Clinical Global Impression of Change (ADAS-CGIC)

Availability:	Please visit this website for more information about the instrument: http://www.adcs.org/Industry/instruments.aspx .
Classification:	Supplemental.
Short Description of Instrument:	<p>Construct measured: A means whereby the clinician can address clinically relevant change (global measure).</p> <p>Means of administration: Organized but unstructured clinical interview with patient and caregiver.</p> <p>Intended respondent: patient & caregiver.</p> <p>Comprises two parts (I & II). Part I is baseline evaluation (information from both subject and informant). Part II has forms for both subject and informant.</p> <p>Part 1 records baseline information and serves as a reference for future ratings. Part II uses informant and subject derived information, obtained separately, from which an impression of change score is made.</p> <p>At baseline:</p> <p>Parts I and II share a similar format with columns headed "Area" (various areas that might be evaluated for potential change) and "Probes" (sample items that the clinician might find helpful in assessing an area). A third column provides space for taking notes.</p> <p>At follow up:</p> <p>Part II is administered, with order of interview (subject or informant) kept consistent throughout. The clinician may refer to baseline data to enable a change on the Likert scale (see below) to be completed. The clinician alone must make decisions regarding change, and not consult other staff.</p>
Scoring:	<p>Seven-point categorical scale that gives a global rating of change in symptoms from a baseline level. The instrument can reflect change in several domains (e.g. cognition, attention and wakefulness, psychiatric symptoms). A score of:</p> <p>1 = substantial improvement.</p> <p>2 = moderate improvement.</p> <p>3 = minimum improvement.</p> <p>4 = no change.</p> <p>5 = minimum worsening.</p> <p>6 = moderate worsening.</p> <p>7 = substantial worsening.</p>
References:	Schneider LS, Olin JT, Doody RS, et al. Validity and reliability of the Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study-Clinical Global Impression of Change. The Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study. <i>Alzheimer Dis Assoc Disord</i> 1997;11:S22-32.