

Mental Health Resource Review – Chapter 5

Table I. Global Deterioration Scale.

Stage I	Normal; no memory complaints and no evident cognitive impairment.	
Stage 2	Very mild; memory problem reported, but not evident in clinical interview.	
Stage 3	Mild impairment in memory, concentration, and occupational performance.	
Stage 4	Moderate impairment in memory, knowledge retrieval, and complex tasks.	
Stage 5	Moderate to severe impairment in both recent and remote memory, frequent disorientation to time and place, and impairment in activities of daily living that indicates need for caregiver assistance.	
Stage 6	Severe impairment with inability to tend to activities of daily living without assistance.	
Stage 7	Very severe impairment in cognition, language, and motor skills, progressing to a less functional, vegetative state.	

Agronin, 2008; Reisberg et al., 1982.

Instrument	Web Link	Source
CSDD	http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/bhs_CPG_ Depression_ Appendix_2_206523_7.pdf	Alexopoulos et al., 1988
GDS	http://www.stanford.edu/%7Eyesavage/GDS.html	Sheik & Yesavage, 1986
	(Available in several versions, including the short version, and several languages.)	
Mini-Cog	http://www.hartfordign.org/publications/trythis/issue03.pdf	Borson et al., 2000
MMSE	http://www.chcr.brown.edu/MMSE.PDF	Folstein et al., 1975

Table 2. Links to Assessment Instruments.

CSDD: Cornell Scale for Depression in Dementia; GSD: Short Geriatric Depression Scale; MMSE: Mini-Mental State Examination