



FOD 4A: Assessing, diagnosing and managing patients with common neurocognitive disorders with typical presentations
Part A: Cognitive assessment

<p>Key Features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This EPA focuses on the initial assessment and diagnosis of patients with common neurocognitive disorders but does not include patients with delirium or behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD). • This EPA includes performing and interpreting a cognitive assessment, physical examination and investigations, communicating diagnosis and prognosis, identifying potentially modifiable conditions, and recognizing the need for neuropsychological testing. • This EPA also includes managing patients with pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatment options, utilizing community support programs, demonstrating awareness of medico-legal aspects, and future planning. • The observation of this EPA is divided into three parts: assessment; communication with patient and/or caregiver; and management. • The cognitive assessment and management aspects of this EPA may be observed in simulation.
<p>Assessment plan Part A: Diagnosis Direct or indirect observation by supervisor</p> <p>Target</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect 6 observations of achievement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least 3 different presentations - No more than 2 observed in simulation - At least 3 by a geriatrician
<p>Case presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: mild cognitive impairment (MCI); Alzheimer’s; vascular dementia; mixed cause dementia; Lewy body dementia
<p>Setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clinical; simulation
<p>Assessor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • geriatrician; psychiatrist; neurologist; care of the elderly physician
<p>CanMEDS Milestones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ME 1.4 Perform a focused clinical and cognitive assessment appropriate to the patient presentation • ME 2.2 Identify patients who require neuropsychological testing • ME 2.2 Select additional investigations as appropriate • ME 2.2 Synthesize patient information, incorporating caregiver and interprofessional team input, to determine a diagnosis