Appendix E

SCORING Memory Screen Tools

In the Memory Screening in the Community program, the screening tools are used as a part of a larger conversation. If a screener observes or receives information indicating a cognitive concern is present, a referral should be made to the physician regardless of the outcome of the tools. Referrals are only made with permission from the individual.

Animal Naming

In scoring this tool, 14 correct animals or more is considered 'not impaired'.

Mini-Cog

Word Recall

- Score one point (1) for each correct word recalled after the clock draw.

Clock Draw

- Correct clock scores two (2) points
- All other clock drawings are scored zero (0)
- Refusal to draw a clock is also scored zero (0)

Mini-cog tool result is the combined total of the word recall and clock draw tasks:

- 0 – 2 = Impaired
- 3 – 5 = Not impaired

AD8

The AD8 is scored by tallying the number of items noted as "Yes, a change." A score of two or more indicates cognitive impairment is likely to be present.

When to Make a Referral to the Physician

Refer to the primary care practitioner or dementia diagnostic clinic when:

Total Mini-Cog score = 0 – 2

OR

Animal Naming is less than 14 **and** score is zero (0) on either the word recall or the Clock Draw.

OR

The total score on the AD8 is 2 or greater.

OR

When additional information is available that indicates a discussion with a physician would be beneficial.