

SAFETY ASSESSMENT

Safety Assessment Checklist

If the patient or caregiver answers yes to questions 1 and 3-7 or no to question 2, refer to the Safety Assessment Guide for further evaluation. When working with patients living with dementia, it is recommended that you also consult with a family member, friend or caregiver, as the patient's judgment, memory and decreased cognitive skills may impact insight into the illness and the ability to provide accurate reporting.

Questions	Yes	No
1. Is the patient still driving?		
2. Is the patient taking medications as prescribed?		
3. Are there concerns about safety in the home?		
4. Has the patient gotten lost in familiar places or wandered?		
5. Are firearms present in the home?		
6. Has the patient experienced unsteadiness or sustained falls?		
7. Does the patient live alone?		

END-OF-LIFE CHECKLIST

Questions	Yes	No	Resources
Have wishes or desires for end-of-life care been discussed?			<p>Aging with Dignity Five Wishes agingwithdignity.org Provides resources for end-of-life planning.</p> <p>The Conversation Project theconversationproject.org Offers a guide for how to talk about the end of life.</p>
Is a power of attorney in place for financial needs?			<p>Alzheimer's Association® alz.org/care/alzheimers-dementia-common-costs.asp Provides information on costs to expect and tips for financial planning.</p>
Is a power of attorney in place for health care decisions?			<p>National Association for Elder Law Attorneys naela.org Offers a directory of elder law attorneys.</p>
Is palliative or hospice care appropriate for the patient?			<p>National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization nhpco.org/find-hospice Provides information about hospice and palliative care and local hospice and palliative care organizations.</p>

CAREGIVER PROFILE

Questions to ask the individuals who will provide care and assistance to the patient with dementia

Person overseeing home meds: _____

Primary Care Giver: _____

<p>Do you understand Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias?</p>			<p>Alzheimer’s Association® alz.org 800.272.3900 Provides disease education, support groups, and personalized care consultation in person, online and through a free 24/7 Helpline.</p>
<p>Do you know where you can obtain additional information about the disease?</p>			<p>Alzheimer’s Disease Education and Referral (ADEAR) nia.nih.gov/alzheimers 800.438.4380 Offers disease information online or by phone for individuals with Alzheimer’s or other dementias and their families.</p> <p>Administration on Community Living alzheimers.gov Supports individuals living with Alzheimer’s or other dementias and their caregivers by increasing access to community resources.</p>
<p>Are you able and willing to provide care and/or assistance?</p>			<p>Alzheimer’s Association alz.org 800.282.3900 Care consultants are available to talk all day, every day via the 24/7 Helpline, and support groups take place in communities nationwide.</p> <p>ALZConnected® alzconnected.org Online community that connects individuals facing the disease and provides online support.</p> <p>Community Resource Finder alz.org/CRF Find local programs, resources and support services.</p>
<p>Do you know where you can receive support as a caregiver?</p>			<p>Aging Life Care Association aginglifecare.org Locate a geriatric care manager.</p> <p>Family Caregiver Alliance caregiver.org Offers support for family and friends providing long-term, in-home care.</p> <p>Eldercare Locator eldercare.gov Connects older adults and their caregivers with local services and provides resource referrals and contact information for state and local agencies on aging.</p>