The ACT on Alzheimer’s® Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Decision Support Tools provide an evidence-based template to assist clinicians in implementing a standardized approach to all aspects of dementia care within the health record: screening, diagnosis and treatment/management. Each tool guides the provider toward best care practices and referrals intended to promote wellness and support patients and their families living with Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia. The tools may be used within a variety of EMR products and can be modified to meet the unique needs of each healthcare system.

1. Screening Tool

A guide to cognitive screening as part of the Medicare Annual Wellness exam or other patient visit

2. Diagnostic Tool

A guide to the initial evaluation of patients with new onset memory loss OR abnormal cognitive screening

3. Treatment/Management Tool

A guide to disease management and follow-up care after dementia diagnosis

For access to the full set of interactive tools, visit actonalz.org/provider-practice-tools
**Progress Note: Screen abnormal (Mini-Cog < 4), schedule follow-up**
Patient screened today for cognitive changes characterized by *** (e.g., forgetfulness, repeating self, misplacing things, confusion, inability to carry out daily routine). Evaluation with the Mini-Cog yielded an abnormal score of ***/5. A follow-up evaluation is indicated to assess for possible cognitive disorder/dementia. Patient will return in *** weeks to complete work-up.

**Progress Note: Screen normal (Mini-Cog 4-5), schedule follow-up**
Patient screened today for cognitive changes characterized by *** (e.g., forgetfulness, repeating self, misplacing things, confusion, inability to carry out daily routine). Evaluation with the Mini-Cog yielded a normal score of ***/5. However, patient/family express concern regarding deteriorating cognition and it appears that follow-up is warranted. Patient will return in *** weeks to complete cognitive disorder/dementia work-up.

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**Memory & Aging Progress Note Templates**

**1. Screening Tool**

- **Automated Patient Instructions**
  - Patient instructions for coping with memory loss / brain health / healthy aging.
  - Please bring all over the counter and prescription medications to the next appointment.
  - Please bring a family member or friend (care partner) to the next appointment.

**2. Diagnostic Tool**

- **History**
  - History questions to be asked in the presence of a caregiver.
    - Family Questionnaire
    - Functional Assessment Staging of AD (FAST)
    - Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL)
    - Activities of Daily Living (ADL)
    - High Yield History Questions

- **Cognitive Screening**
  - Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA)
  - St. Louis University Mental Status Exam (SLUMS)

**3. Treatment/Management Tool**

- **Consults, Referrals, Education & Support**
  - **Indication: Safety/Driving**
    - A formal driving evaluation is recommended for newly diagnosed dementia patients who drive.

  - OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY – Driving evaluation
  - OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY – Home safety and medication compliance (e.g., medication management, home safety evaluation)
  - OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY – Fall risk assessment

- **Patient and Care Partner Instructions**
  - Read At the Crossroads: Family Conversations about Alzheimer’s & Driving.
  - Visit the Alzheimer’s Association Online Dementia & Driving Resource Center.