Disability Assessment for Dementia (DAD)

Developed by Gelinas, the Disability Assessment for Dementia (DAD) evaluates the basic and instrumental activities in daily activities of elderly people with dementia. The proxy-respondent scale specifically measures daily living tasks in terms of executive functions.

A 40-item scale is part of the DAD which addresses a range of functional domains: eating, meal preparation, telephoning, hygienic, dressing, medication, corresponding, finance, leisure, and housework. Approximately 15-20 minutes to administer.

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Reliability and Validity

Established clinical as a measure for dementia, the DAD has strong reliability. Internal Consistency Coefficient is reported at 0.96, the intraclass correlation reported at 0.96, and the test-retest reliability also has excellent ratings (Gelinas, 2000). The convergent validity for the DAD is supported through the instrument’s correlation with such psychometric measure as the Global Deterioration Scale (Gelinas, 1999). Several experiments have been carried out with the DAD evaluating moderate to severe impairment (Blesa, 2003; Feldman, 2001; Feldman, 2003; Raskind, 2000; Wilcock, 2000)

Obtaining the DAD

Dementia Collaborative Research Centres

Administration, Analysis and Reporting

Statistics Solutions consists of a team of professional methodologists and statisticians that can assist the student or professional researcher in administering the survey instrument, collecting the data, conducting the analyses and explaining the results.

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