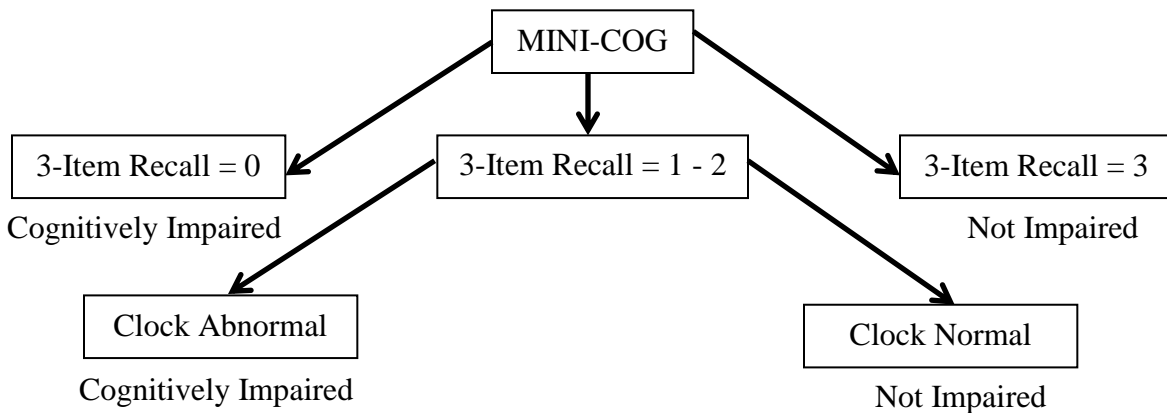


Identifying Cognitively impaired Patients in Practice

The Mini-Cog: A Cognitive Vital Signs Measure for Dementia Screening	
3 Item Recall	Clock Drawing
“I am going to give you 3 things to remember, I want you to repeat those after me and remember them, because I’ll ask you to repeat them in a few minutes. Ready: “apple, table, penny” (or any 3 objects). Patients can be given up to 3 trials to repeat the objects correctly.	“Now, I want you to draw a circle and make the face of a clock with the hands set at 10 minutes after 11.” It is acceptable for the examiner to draw the circle. In interpreting the clock, it is correct if all the numbers are spaced close to the correct place and the hands are pointing at the correct numbers. Hands do not need to be of different lengths.

The Mini-Cog Scoring Algorithm. The Mini-Cog uses a 3 item recall test for memory and the intuitive clock drawing test, which serves as an informative distractor. This distractor helps to clarify scores when the memory recall score is intermediate.



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