24 - 30 = Normal

19 – 23 = Mild Cognitive Impairment

10 - 18 = Moderate Cognitive Impairment

Less than 9 = Severe Cognitive Impairment

Figure 8-1. The Mini-Mental State **Examination (MMSE)**

Score	ORIENTATION
()	What is the (year) (season) (date) (month)?
5 ()	Where are we (state) (country) (town or city) (hospital) (floor)?
	REGISTRATION
()	Name 3 common objects (e.g. "apple", "table", "penny"). Take 1 second to say each. Then ask the patient to repeat all 3 after you have said them. Give 1 point for each correct answer. Then repeat them until they lean all 3. Count trials and record.
	Trials:
	ATTENTION AND CALCULATION
()	Ask patient to count back by sevens, starting at 100. Alternately, spell "world" backwards. The score is the number of numbers or words in the correct order. (9386797265) (DL_R_O_W)
	RECALL
()	Ask for the 3 objects repeated above. Give 1 point for each correct answer. (Note: Recall cannot be tested if all 3 objects were not remembered during registration.
	LANGUAGE
()	Name a "pencil" and "watch"
()	Repeat the following: "No ifs, ands, or buts."
()	Follow a 3-stage command: "Take a paper in your right hand, Fold it in half, and Put it on the floor."
	Read and obey the following
()	Close our eyes.
()	Write a sentence.
()	Copy the following design.
	compare this score against norms for education and age.
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