



**FOD 3a - Assessing, diagnosing and managing common neuro-cognitive disorders with typical presentations**  
**Part A: Cognitive assessment**

<p><b>Key Features</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This EPA focuses on the initial assessment and diagnosis of patients with common neuro-cognitive disorders but does not include patients with delirium or behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD)</li> <li>• This EPA includes performing and interpreting cognitive assessment, physical examination and investigations, communicating diagnosis and prognosis, identifying potentially modifiable conditions, and recognizing the need for neuropsychological testing</li> <li>• This EPA also includes managing patients with pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatment options, utilizing community support programs, and demonstrating awareness of medicolegal aspects, and future planning</li> <li>• The observation of this EPA is divided into three parts: cognitive assessment; communication with patient and/or caregiver; and management</li> <li>• Parts A and C may be observed in simulation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Target</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Collect 6 observations of achievement</b></li> <li>• <b>- At least 1 of each from the case mix</b></li> <li>• <b>- No more than 2 observed in simulation</b></li> <li>• <b>- At least 3 by a geriatrician</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Case presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mild cognitive impairment (MCI); Alzheimer’s; vascular/mixed dementia; Lewy body dementia</li> </ul>
<p><b>Setting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clinical; simulation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assessor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• geriatrician; geriatric psychiatrist; behavioural neurologist; care of the elderly physician</li> </ul>
<p><b>Milestones in Elentra</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ME 1.4 Perform a focused clinical and cognitive assessment appropriate to the patient presentation</li> <li>• ME 2.2 Select additional investigations as appropriate</li> <li>• ME 2.2 Synthesize patient information, incorporating caregiver and interprofessional team input, to determine a diagnosis</li> </ul>