

THE SEVERE IMPAIRMENT RATING SCALE*

Name: _____ Rater: _____ Date: _____

- ___ 1. Examiner says "hello." Subject answers "hello" or other appropriate verbal response (2 points). Doesn't say "hello" but acknowledges examiner (1 point).
- ___ 2. Examiner reaches out to shake hands. Subject shakes examiner's hand (2 points). Subject moves hand but doesn't shake hands (1 point).
- ___ 3. "What is your full name?" (1 point for first name and 1 point for last name).
- ___ 4. Give subject a pencil. Subject holds correctly (2 points). Takes in hand but doesn't hold correctly (1 point).
- ___ 5. "Please write your first name here." Writes first name correctly (2 points). Makes any mark (1 point).
- ___ 6. "Please open your mouth." (2 points). If subject does not respond, the examiner repeats "Open your mouth" and then imitates the action (1 point).
- ___ 7. Repeat after me "1, 2, 3." (2 points if correct, 1 point if partly correct).
- ___ 8. Subject can walk without the help of another person (may use walker, cane, etc. 2 points); walks with the help of another person (1 point).
- ___ 9. Subject is able to sit down unaided (2 points). Able to sit down unaided if correctly positioned in front of chair (1 point).
- ___ 10. Examiner says "good-bye" (but does not make good bye behavior) and subject responds verbally or non-verbally (2 points). If subject does not respond, examiner waves good-bye and subject makes verbal or non-verbal response (1 point).
- ___ 11. Subject consistently follows interviewer around room with his/her eyes (2 points). Less than the 1/2 the time (1 point). Rarely looks at examiner (0 point).

___ Total score

*May repeat each item up to 3 times

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