

TABLE 1:

Examples of Geriatric Neuropsychology Referral Questions and Requests

- Does this person have cognitive impairment? Please assess the nature and extent of this individual's cognitive difficulties.
- Is there evidence of cognitive decline?
- Does he/she meet the criteria for a dementia?
- Can the patient's cognitive symptoms be explained by a condition or disease?
- Is the patient's presentation most consistent with a depression or a dementia?
- Is testing suggestive of a specific dementia (e.g., AD, vascular dementia, dementia with Lewy bodies)?
- The patient has a diagnosis of "X" [or, is undergoing surgery for "X"]; a baseline evaluation of cognitive and emotional functioning would be appreciated.
- Has this individual's cognition improved/declined since his/her previous assessment?
- What strategies or treatments can be recommended to assist the patient?
- Is he/she able to make reasonable decisions about specific concerns (e.g., medical treatment, living arrangements, finances)?
- Does the patient have the capacity to complete an enduring power of attorney? Personal directive, advance directive, or living will?
- Is guardianship or trusteeship required?
- Will he/she require increased support? Be able to live independently?
- Is a driving assessment recommended?
- Are there any cognitive, emotional or behavioural concerns that might affect the patient's ability to participate in treatment?

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