



The Clock-Drawing Test

What is the Clock-Drawing Test?

The clock test has been used since the 1980's as an effective way to identify patients who may have Alzheimer Disease, dementia, or other neurological illnesses. The test is quick and easy to administer. However, it should be used in conjunction with other tests such as the Mini-Mental State Examination (which is administered by a health care professional), in order to achieve an accurate diagnosis. An abnormal clock drawing is not a diagnostic tool and a health care professional should be consulted for a full assessment.¹

How to do the Clock-Drawing Test:

Step #1: Flip over this page and show your friend, family member, or loved-one the pre-drawn circle.

Step #2: Ask him or her to insert numbers appropriately to make the circle look like a clock.

Step #3: Ask him or her to show you what the clock would look like if the time were ten minutes after 11 o'clock.

Next Steps:

There are several methods of scoring the drawing and of determining the level of cognitive impairment that is indicated by the drawing. If your friend or family member had difficulty in drawing the clock and/or in arranging the hands appropriately, take it to his or her physician to discuss.

1. Manos, Peter. 10-Point Clock Test Screens for Cognitive Impairment in Clinic and Hospital Settings. *Psychiatric Times*. 1998: 15(10).

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