

Help Is Available ...

The Problem...

As people grow older, there are natural changes in memory and attention. However, if these changes interfere with life functioning, they may be due to a medical or psychological problem.

The Facts...

Many causes of memory difficulty can be cured or improved with the right treatments. There are even new interventions to help people with Alzheimer's disease. The first step is diagnosing the cause of the problem.

A Place to Start

At The Center, we assess and diagnose memory and attention problems and offer recommendations to the patient's family, physician, and local service agencies.

Who Should Call?

Anyone who has questions about their memory or who has had a significant change in mood or behavior should call. Often a family member, doctor, visiting nurse, or other professional contacts us.

THE MEMORY & ATTENTION CENTER

Do You or Someone You Know Suffer from Any of the Following Symptoms?

- Memory Problems
- Easily Distracted
- Becoming Confused or Lost
- Can't Find the Right Words
- Fearful or Paranoid Thinking
- Poor Concentration
- Agitation
- Can't Remember Names
- Attention Deficits
- Anxious or Depressed

What Is the Memory and Attention Center?

The Memory and Attention Center offers testing, consultation, and follow-up services specifically designed to address the memory and attention concerns of people of all ages. All procedures are done in conjunction with the primary care physician.

The Assessment ...

What Does It Do?

Testing detects treatable conditions like Depression or Anxiety, and helps determine the causes of memory problems. Results are presented in a 6-page report. In-home guardianship assessments and medical treatment plans for the Court are available.

What Does It Include?

We start with an in-depth interview with the patient and family. Neurobehavioral testing is conducted by a psychologist. Laboratory work and a CT scan of the head are typically done; results are interpreted by a geropsychiatrist. Occupational Therapy assessment may be performed to assess functional skill levels. Neurological consultation, MRI and SPECT scans may also be arranged.

Where Is It Done?

Assessment in the home is available if travel to one of our convenient locations is a problem. Labs and scans are performed at our hospital locations.

When Do I Get Results?

Feedback is provided right after testing, and an easy-to-read report is usually available within a week. We usually review results with patients and families in a follow-up meeting, and then send a report directly to the patient's doctor.