

Cognitive Impairment

Did you know?

Cognitive impairment is a common problem for older people. Cognitive impairment is when you have a problem remembering things and solving problems.

How do we determine if you are at risk of cognition problems whilst visiting us?

We review your age and ask you:

- Do you have cognitive impairment (i.e., dementia, Alzheimer's disease) or memory issues?

If you respond "Yes" to the question or are aged 65 and over (or 45 and over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples), you are potentially at risk. We follow up with four more questions to determine your risk.

- What is your age?
- What is your date of birth?
- Where are you?
- What is the Year?

If you answer any of these questions incorrectly you are at risk of cognitive impairment and/or delirium.

How can we support you when visiting the Royal Dental Hospital Melbourne?

- We will engage your family and/or carers in your care. Involving a support person ensures you have support during and following your appointment.
- We will speak clearly, slowly and use simple language to support you in understanding what is happening.
- Where appropriate, we will provide you with written, simple instructions.
- Staff may suggest a referral to see your General Practitioner (GP) if cognitive impairment has not been assessed previously by a medical practitioner.

Should you have any concerns please call:

The Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne

Phone: (03) 9341 1000
Open every day
8:30am - 5:00pm

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