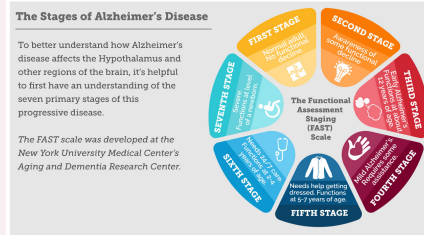


Stages of Alzheimers



Functional Assessment Staging Tool (FAST). One of the most comprehensive AD staging tools is called the FAST (the Functional Assessment Staging Test), which was developed by Dr. Barry Reisberg. This staging tool provides a clear understanding of the progression of Alzheimer's disease from start to finish.

Assessment

Stage	Question	Yes
1	No difficulties, either subjectively or objectively.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Complains of forgetting location of objects; subjective word finding difficulties only.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Decreased job functioning evident to coworkers; difficulty in traveling to new locations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Decreased ability to perform complex tasks (e.g., planning dinner for guests; handling finances; marketing).	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Requires assistance in choosing proper clothing for the season or occasion.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6a	Difficulty putting clothing on properly without assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6b	Unable to bathe properly; may develop fear of bathing. Will usually require assistance adjusting bath water temperature.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6c	Inability to handle mechanics of toileting (i.e., forgets to flush; doesn't wipe properly).	<input type="checkbox"/>
6d	Urinary incontinence, occasional or more frequent.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6e	Fecal incontinence, occasional or more frequent.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7a	Ability to speak limited to about half a dozen words in an average day.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7b	Intelligible vocabulary limited to a single word in an average day.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7c	Nonambulatory (unable to walk without assistance).	<input type="checkbox"/>
7d	Unable to sit up independently.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7e	Unable to smile.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7f	Unable to hold head up.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Score is highest consecutive level of disability.