



directors have created for the department. Generally the initial assessment is a check off form that may have a small space to add in a word or two. The questions generally have to do with past and present leisure pursuits, spirituality and religion, preferences, diagnosis, precautions, personal history, etc

There are additional questions

that should be included in the initial assessment form and interview process. The following are recommended questions to discuss with family or the responsible party.

Please tell me how (client) spent their day at home?

How did the (client) spend their morning?

How did the (client) spend their afternoon?

How did the (client) spend their evening?

What did the (client) do on Saturdays?

What did the (client) do on Sundays?

What types of leisure pursuits did (client) participate in?

What time of day was best in providing leisure pursuits?

What types of activities did the family member or responsible party provide?

How long would these pursuits hold (client) attention?

What are the triggers that increase agitation, restlessness or catastrophic reactions?

What would you (family member) do to distract (client) during these episodes?

What precautions do you recommend that you have used at home during these episodes?

Does your (client) enjoy visits from children? If no, why?

Does your (client) enjoy visits from animals? If no, why?

What times during the day did (client) take a nap and for how long?

What do certain words or gestures mean that (client) uses?

These questions are extremely important for your dementia clients. Think how much wasted time and frustration for the activity professional who did not know what specific words meant. If the activity staff had taken the time to find out, for example, that when the resident says, "Honda Honda", what they wanted was a glass of juice! At home, the family might have provided a mint when the client became agitated and began yelling out. The family and or responsible party knows the client the best. They can offer valuable information that can only be a benefit to the staff and the client.

If you are required to use the initial assessment approved by the company, meet with your administrator and discuss adding an additional form to your existing assessment tool.

There generally is an area on the initial assessment pertaining to Precautions. This area should be completed for anyone that is identified with health concerns such as COPD or Diabetes and Behavioral concerns such as agitation, striking out and yelling. Precautions are extremely important to take if you have identified any area that the recreation staff should be made aware of and take necessary steps to insure safety and health. Be sure to communicate the precautions to the team and add to the care plans.

There are over 60 kinds of dementia and the activity professional should take the time to note the specific kind of dementia.

The Activity Director should review the initial assessment with all the activity staff. The information that pertains to precautions, religions and diagnosis must be discussed

with the staff. The activity director should have Tabors or another medical dictionary to give general information about a diagnosis, illness or diseases. Most facilities have contracts with Hospice and Hospice can provide information on religions. The activity director should provide an overview of a specific religion to the staff in order for them to be culturally competent.

Generally, the activity assistant completes the initial assessment and places it on the chart. Before this happens, the director should review the assessment with the staff as all staff may be called upon to work with the client. The entire department should be aware of the information on the initial assessment before it is placed on the chart. A copy of the initial assessment should be kept in the Activity Department. The Director should be conducting Q/A to insure that the assessments are completed on time, correctly, are legible and that the person completing the assessment has signed the document correctly with their name and title.

Even though the initial interview may take longer with the dementia client and their family, in the long run the time spent will only benefit everyone.

file type: doc

file time: 2009-11-20

[Direct Download](#)page url: <http://www.docftp.com/pdf/21sbbru-Initial+Assessments/>

### [Alzheimer's Disease?](#)

A Clinical Trial Aimed At Slowing The Progression of Alzheimer's  
www.ICARastudy.com

### [Individual Assessment-PCI](#)

Hire the Right Person Every Time Pittsburgh Based Since 1957  
www.pci-hrconsulting.com

### [NEPA Compliance Services](#)

Your single source for NEPA studies assessments and compliance services  
DynamicEnvironmental.com

### [Fitness for Duty](#)

Fitness-for-Duty Evaluations Dr. Norman T. Reynolds MD  
www.fitness-for-duty.com

Ads by Google

#### hot pdf files:

[Submission - Provisions of the Research Involving Embryos and ...](#)

[Universities of Tomorrow: Some Reflections from an](#)

[Economist's ...](#)

[I ministeri istituiti: Accolitato e Lettorato](#)

[Request Schema Net](#)

[GENERAL INFORMATION](#)

[www.britishwaterways.co.uk](#)

[CITIZENS HOSE COMPANY](#)

[PLYC MEDICATION FORM](#)

[CLA UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP GRANT](#)

[The 2002 Northeast Ohio Work and Family Survey NEWS RELEASE](#)

[Countdown](#)

[Flexible benefits for smaller organisations](#)

[Dalla Definizione del Curricolo alla Programmazione Modulare](#)

[UK, Scotland: integrated coastal management](#)

[Proposal Details](#)

[SCHOOL COUNSELORS IN PUBLIC MONTESSORI - A](#)

[QUALITATIVE STUDY OF THREE ...](#)

[EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL](#)

[BIODIVERSITY FORUM](#)

[TONY G. BABB, Ph.D.](#)

[Dana Non-Union Retiree VEBA Trust](#)

E-mail: [djsqoop@gmail.com](mailto:djsqoop@gmail.com) © 2008 <http://www.docftp.com/>