

DOMAINS AND DIMENSIONS OF ASSESSMENT

Domains	Dimensions	Screening and proactive assessment	Assessment of people with complex needs	Assessment of people with disabilities	Carers
Physical health and functioning		✓	✓	✓	✓
	aged 75 years or older R	E	E		
	medical conditions			E	
	chronic illness		E		
	co-morbidities (ie, suffering multiple disorders or illnesses) R	E	E		
	cardiac conditions		E		
	gastrointestinal conditions		E		
	pulmonary conditions		E		
	cerebrovascular conditions		E		
	continence		E		
	is recently discharged from hospital R	E	E		
	has presented at an emergency department R	E	E		
	has had a change in health status with impact on capacity for independent living R	E	E		
	has poor self-perceived health R	E	E		
	gait		E		
	mobility			E	
	low physical activity	E	E		
	ADLs and IADLs		E		E
	is at the lower extreme of functional impairment	E	E		
	dental/oral health	E	E		
	sexual functioning	E	E	E	
	food/nutrition !		E	E	
	has a high or low body mass index R	E	E	E	
	impairment in sight or hearing	E	E	E	
Safety !		✓	✓	✓	✓
	control over daily life !	E	E		
	abuse (by another person)	E	E	E	E
	emergency planning				E
Polypharmacy (taking three or more prescription or non-prescription medications) R		✓	✓	✓	

Mental health		✓	✓	✓	✓
	emotional well-being	E			
	depression R	E	E	E	
	cognitive impairment/functioning R	E	E		
	anxiety		E	E	
	other mental illness		E	E	
	dementia		E		
	substance abuse		E		
	alcohol, tobacco and/or substance use	E	E	E	
	iatrogenic mental illness due to polypharmacy		E	E	
Personal care !		✓	✓	✓	
	domestic abilities			E	
Social functioning and context !		✓	✓	✓	✓
	family/whānau support/contact		E	E	E
	socially isolated (not necessarily living alone) R	E	E		
	living alone R	E	E		
	divorced/separated R	E	E		
	never married R	E	E		
	single or widowed R	E	E		
	recently bereaved R	E	E		
	no children R	E	E		
	has poor or limited economic resources* R	E	E		
	financial status and management		E	E	E
	housing	E	E	E	E
	future planning				E
	language and communication	E	E	E	E
	relationships with services				E
	transportation				E
	information needs				E
	equipment needs				E
	co-ordination of services				E
The presence and roles of carers		✓	✓	✓	
	carer showing signs of stress, or a change of carer R	E	E		
	carer requests an assessment for the older person R	E	E		
	respite needs				E
	relationship with care receiver				E
	emotional support for care receiver				E

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Key

R denotes risk factors

! denotes areas of most importance to older people

✓ recommended

E denotes strong evidential support

*In New Zealand, for example, where the person's sole source of income is New Zealand Superannuation.^{43,44(x)}

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