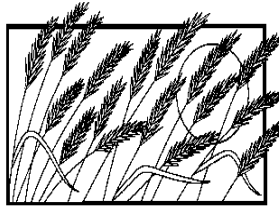




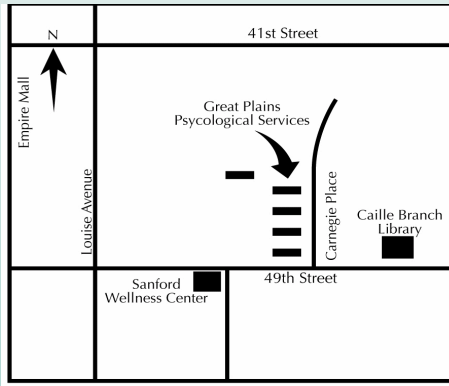
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When is a Neuropsychology Examination Needed?

Neuropsychological evaluations are requested specifically to help your physicians and other professionals understand how the different areas and systems of the brain are working. Referrals are made to diagnose or rule out the following conditions, and to describe their impact on a person's cognitive functioning:

- Suspected memory problems or dementia
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Neurological conditions including stroke, epilepsy, brain tumors, multiple sclerosis (MS), Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, etc.
- Medical conditions such as liver disease, Lupus, HIV infection, or cardiac disease
- Learning and Developmental Disorders
- Attention-Deficit Disorders
- Various psychiatric conditions
- Autism



What should I Expect?

A neuropsychological examination usually consists of an interview and testing. During the interview, you will be asked about your symptoms, medical history, medications and other important factors. Some tests will be easy while others will be more complex. The most important thing is try your best. The time required depends on the problem being assessed. In general, several hours are needed to assess the many skills involved in processing information. You will probably find the testing interesting, and the detailed information that is gathered will contribute to your care.



What is Assessed?

A typical neuropsychological examination will involve an assessment of the following:

- General intellectual functioning
- Attention and concentration
- Learning and memory
- Language skills
- Visual-spatial skills
- Motor and sensory skills
- Mood and personality

Some abilities may be measured in more detail than others, depending on your needs.

What Should I Bring?

- Glasses and hearing aids if you use them.
- Wheelchair or walker if you use them.
- Medications.
- Insurance cards.
- Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- School children should bring, or send prior to appointment, transcripts and any prior educational testing.
- Patients over the age of 65 should be accompanied by a family member or close friend.
- Patients with a mental disability should bring their medical and psychological records, or have them sent prior to the appointment.



**Testing results
will be discussed at the
end of the exam.**