

RAPid Community COGnitive screening programme (RAPCOG)

Introduction:

The Quick Mild Cognitive Impairment screen (Qmci), is a short, cognitive instrument for the detection of mild cognitive impairment (MCI) and has been found to be more sensitive at differentiating normal cognition and dementia from MCI than existing cognitive screening instruments. The Caregiver Cognitive Screen (CCS) is another newly developed cognitive screening instrument, designed for use by members of the public where they have concerns about an older adults. Together these two new screening instruments form the RAPCOG programme, which aims to develop a community wide screening initiative for cognitive impairment.

Funding Details:

The Health Service Executive of Ireland

Future Plans:

We plan to develop and validate non-English versions of the Qmci and CSS, perform pilot studies with EU partners and apply for funding for a multi-centre collaborative study of RAPCOG.



Current Status:

Validation and publication of the Qmci has been completed and different language versions are in development with a view to using this tool in other European centres. GPs have been trained in the Qmci and inter-rater reliability is currently being assessed. The CCS has recently been validated in the Cork memory clinic. Publications are in preparation for both screening tools. The pilot study will commence in spring 2013. The Qmci is also being used as a measure of cognition as part of the FP-7 (ICT call 2013) grant proposal PERSSILLA, in conjunction with two other reference site bids (Municipality of Enschede, Netherlands and Campania Region, Italy) within Action Group A3 of the EIP on AHA.

COLLAGE is Ireland's joint candidate Reference Site for the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing.

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