

This is a **Sample** version of the
Blessed Dementia Scale (BDS)

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Description:

The Blessed Dementia Scale also abbreviated BDS or BLS-D is a widely used brief behavioural scale developed in 1968. The BDS is divided into two subtests, which can be administered together or separately.

The BLS is a clinical rating scale with 22 items that measure changes in performance of everyday activities (eight items), self-care habits (three items), and changes in personality, interests, and drives (11 items). Ratings are based on information from relatives or friends and concern behavior over the preceding six months. The content of each rating is indicated, but precise question phrasing is not indicated.

Setting: Clinical

Method of Delivery: Administered by clinician

Validity (Quantitative): Dementia Scale scores correlated 0.77 with a count of plaques in the brains of 60 elderly patients. The correlation with duration of survival was 0.40. The Dementia Scale correlated 0.80 with the Clinical Dementia Rating; the equivalent correlation for the cognitive subscale was 0.84. Scores differed significantly between patients with Alzheimer's disease (AD) and other forms of senile dementia and between different severities of AD defined pathologically. Erkinjuntti et al. tested the BLS as a screening test for dementia and concluded that it performed better if the personality items were left out. Sensitivity was 90% and specificity 85% in a small study of dementia. The equivalent results for the Cambridge Mental Disorders of the Elderly Examination CAMCOG test were 90% and 76%, respectively; those for the 3MS were 80% and 96%, respectively.

Reliability (Quantitative): The inter-rater reliability for two raters was $r = 0.59$ (intraclass correlation = 0.30). Internal consistency was rated high.

This is the end of the sample version of the BDS overview. Full version includes scoring guide.

BLESSED DEMENTIA- SCALE

Patient Name: _____

Rater Name: _____

Date: _____

Instruction

One point for each correct answer unless otherwise indicated.

Score

CHANGES IN PERFORMANCE OF EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES

- A Inability to perform household tasks _____
- A Inability to cope with small sums of money _____
- A Inability to remember shortlist of items; for example, in shopping list _____
- A Inability to find way about indoors _____
- A Inability to find way about familiar streets _____
- A Inability to interpret surroundings; for example, to recognize whether in hospital or at home; to discriminate between patients, doctors, nurse, relatives, other hospital staff, etc. _____
- A Inability to recall recent events; for example, recent outings, visits of relatives or friends to hospital, etc. _____
- * Tendency to dwell in the past _____

CHANGES IN

- HABITS D Eating _____
 - (0) = cleanly, with proper utensils
 - (1) = messily, with spoon only
 - (2) = simple solids (for example, biscuits)
 - (3) = has to be fed
- D Dressing _____
 - (0) = unaided
 - (1) = occasionally misplaced buttons, etc.
 - (2) = wrong sequence, commonly forgetting itmes
 - (3) = unable to dress
- D Sphincter control _____
 - (0) = complete control
 - (1) = occasional wet bed
 - (2) = frequent wet bed
 - (3) = doubly incontinent

This is the end of the sample version of the BDS Test. Full version includes complete BDS 22 item questionnaire and complete 37 item questionnaire Information-Memory-Concentration tests.