

# DEMENTIA DECISION SUPPORT ALGORITHM



HRA (+) or  
Clinician/Care Manager (CM) Observation  
or Self/family report of concerns

CM administers validated  
cognitive screening tool (e.g. AD8)

≥2  
(Cognitive Impairment)

0-1  
(Normal Cognition)

Consider identifying  
a family/friend caregiver  
*(see Tool for Identifying an Informal  
or Family Caregiver)*

Refer for full dementia  
diagnostic workup

Rescreen during Annual  
Wellness Visit, if indicated  
or as clinically indicated

Diagnosis  
Positive

Diagnosis  
Negative

Document diagnosis in medical  
and CM records, and follow  
*Alzheimer's Clinical Care Guideline*

Identify family/  
friend caregiver

Rescreen during Annual  
Wellness Visit, if indicated  
or as clinically indicated

Document  
caregiver in  
medical/CM  
record

Refer to local Alzheimer's  
organization for disease  
education & supportive services  
*(i.e. ALZ Direct Connect)*

Assess caregiver using  
validated assessment tool  
*(e.g. Benjamin Rose Institute  
Caregiver Strain Instrument)*

**High Scores**  
> 8 Mastery  
> 10 Relationship strain  
> 5 Social isolation/activity restrictions

**Low  
Scores**

Refer to  
Dementia  
Care  
Specialist  
(DCS)

Use best  
practice care plans  
to develop  
family-centered  
care plans

Consider  
respite

Refer to Long  
Term Services  
and Support  
(LTSS)

Refer to local  
Alzheimer's  
organization  
for support  
*(e.g. ALZ Direct  
Connect)*

Reassess in  
6 months or  
as clinically  
indicated