

**Retrospective Form of the Informant Questionnaire on  
Cognitive Decline in the Elderly (Retrospective IQCODE)**

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Note: As used in published studies, the IQCODE was always preceded by other questions covering the subject's sociodemographic characteristics and physical health.

Now we want you to remember what your friend or relative was like about 3 months before they died and to compare it with 10 years earlier.

Below are situations where this person had to use his/her memory or intelligence and we want you to indicate whether this had improved, stayed the same, or got worse over the 10 year period.

Note the importance of comparing his/her performance with 10 years earlier. So if this person forgot where he/she had left things, but had been the same 10 years before, this would be considered "Hasn't changed much".

Please indicate the changes you observed by circling the appropriate answer.

Compared with 10 years earlier how was this person at:

	1	2	3	4	5
1. Recognizing the faces of family and friends	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
2. Remembering the names of family and friends	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
3. Remembering things about family and friends e.g. occupations, birthdays, addresses	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
4. Remembering things that have happened recently	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
5. Recalling conversations a few days later	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
6. Forgetting what he/she wanted to say in the middle of a conversation	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
7. Remembering his/her address and telephone number	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
8. Remembering what day and month it is	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
9. Remembering where things are usually kept	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse

10. Remembering where to find things which have been put in a different place from usual	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
11. Adjusting to any change in his/her day-to-day routine	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
12. Knowing how to work familiar machines around the house	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
13. Learning to use a new gadget or machine around the house	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
14. Learning new things in general	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
15. Remembering things that happened to him/her when he/she was young	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
16. Remembering things he/she learned when he/she was young	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
17. Understanding the meaning of unusual words	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
18. Understanding magazine or newspaper articles	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
19. Following a story in a book or on TV	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
20. Composing a letter to friends or for business purposes	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
21. Knowing about important historical events of the past	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
22. Making decisions on everyday matters	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
23. Handling money for shopping	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
24. Handling financial matters e.g. the pension, dealing with the bank	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse

25. Handling other everyday arithmetic problems e.g. knowing how much food to buy, knowing how long between visits from family or friends	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse
26. Using his/her intelligence to understand what's going on and to reason things through	Much improved	A bit improved	Not much change	A bit worse	Much worse