

**AHS COGNITIVE SCREEN  
ALGORITHM (Mental Health)**  
(Not meant to be prescriptive but used  
only to guide clinical reasoning)

Lang – *Language*  
SLUMS – *St Louis University Mental Status*  
RUDAS – *Rowland Universal Dementia  
Assessment Scale*  
SCIP – *Screen for Cognitive Impairment in  
Psychiatry*

1. Reasons for cognitive screening include: to detect cognitive impairment, identify need for further testing, potential to track progress and initial step in triage. It is assumed delirium has been ruled out.
2. Consider use of translator.
3. Developed for use with individuals with psychotic and affective disorders.

