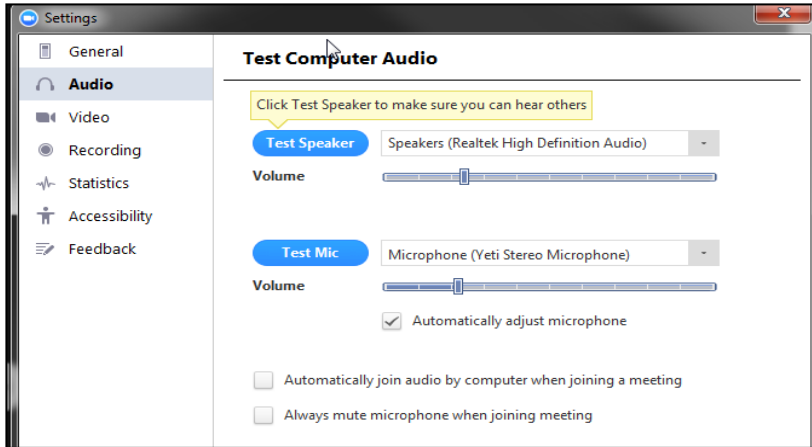


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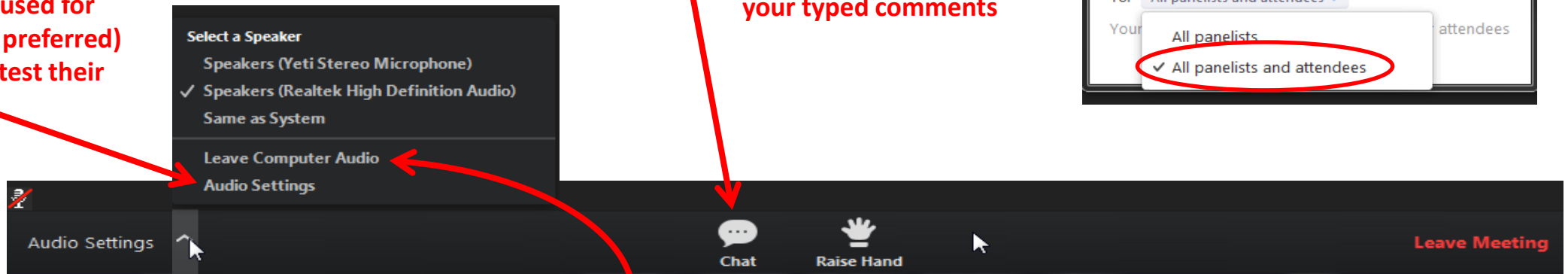
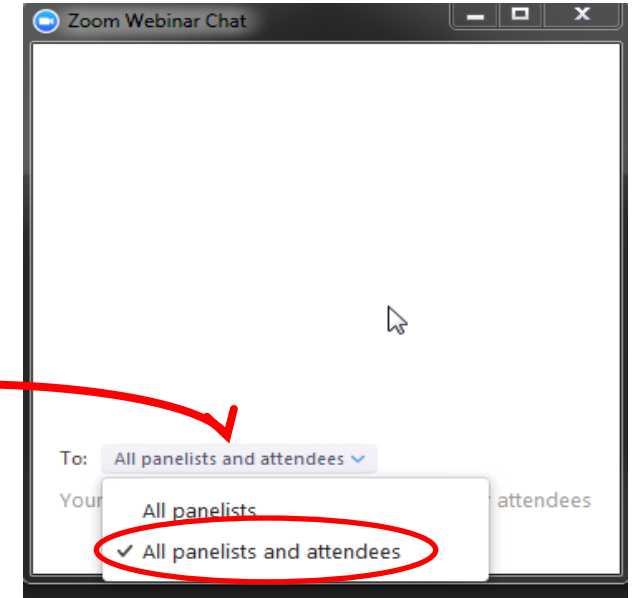
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# RGP of Toronto Network Webinar

## *Clinical Screening in the Geriatric Population*

July 11 2018, 12-1pm



### ***Screening and Triage***

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### ***Screening for MCI and Dementia***

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# Screening and Triage in a Geriatric Population

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# Conflicts of Interest

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- None

# Outline of Presentation

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- Overview of screening in medicine
- Importance of screening
- Screening in geriatric medicine
- Differences between screening and triage in practice
- Overview of triage and its importance
- Triage in geriatric medicine

# Questions for you!

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1. Do you know the different between a screening and triage?
2. Who uses a screening tool in their working life?
3. Who uses tools that triage patients or clients in their working life?

# Screening

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- The objective of medical screening is to identify disease in its preclinical state

## US Commission of Chronic Illness (1951)

“The presumptive identification of unrecognized disease or defect by the application of tests, examinations, or other procedures which can be applied **rapidly**”

# Screening

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- Rose and Barker (1978) indicated that in order to determine whether screening is beneficial, doctors had to answer 3 questions:
  1. Does earlier treatment **improve the prognosis**?
  2. How valid and **repeatable** is the screening test?
  3. What is the **yield** of the screening service?



# Screening

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- Only in the 20<sup>th</sup> century were these conditions able to be met:
  - Appropriate test
  - Validity
  - Availability
- Not intended to be diagnostic
- Those with suspicious findings must be referred for diagnosis and necessary treatment

# Screening

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- Mental tests for officers, drafted and enlisted (1917)
- The purpose: *"to eliminate from the Army at the earliest possible moment those recruits whose defective intelligence would make them a menace to the military organization"*
- Army Alpha
  - 50 min with 100-200 men at once
  - Large populations
  - Repeatable
  - Administered rapidly
  - 'High degree of validity' – 7749 men for excluded from service

1. A company advanced 6 miles and retreated 2 miles. How far was it then from its first position?
2. A dealer bought some mules for \$1,200. He sold them for \$1,500, making \$50 on each mule. How many mules were there?

# Screening

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- Screening is now commonplace in medicine:
  - Cancer: breast, colon, cervical
  - Metabolic: thyroid, diabetes
  - Infections: syphilis, TORCH
- Integration of screening in medicine has lead to improved health outcomes for various illnesses
  - Improved detection
  - Early identification and implementation of treatment
  - Prevention of complications
  - Improved survival

# Screening

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- Limitations:
  - False positives
  - False negatives
  - Overdiagnosis/overtreatment
  - May lead to additional testing

# Geriatric Screening

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- Many screening programs APPLY to geriatric populations
  - Dr. Mehta will discuss screening in MCI and dementia
    - STAY TUNED!
- Can we screen for who should be seen by a geriatrician??
- Standardized approach can improve care quality and outcomes<sup>1</sup>
  - Tools are being developed and adapted to screen older adults for appropriateness
    - Assessment Urgency Algorithm (AUA)

# Geriatric Screening

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- Assessment Urgency Algorithm (AUA)
  - RAPID risk screening tool for older adults based on 6 domains to guide referrals
    - Self-reliance Indicator (Decision-making and ADLs)
    - Caregiver stress
    - Mood
    - Self-rated health
    - Presence of unstable medical conditions
    - Dyspnea

# Geriatric Screening

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- Now used in:
  - ED
  - Physiotherapy clinics across Ontario
  - Seniors mental health
  - Family health teams

# Is screening the same as triage?

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- NO!



# Triage

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- The original concepts of triage were focused on mass casualty situations
- Triage, from French 'trier', originally 1792, applied to a process of sorting patients by Baron Dominique Jean Larrey, Surgeon in Chief to Napoleon's Imperial Guard
  - Developed originally for sorting surgical patients in battlefield settings
  - Also contributed to the organization of a care system for the ongoing management of casualties

# Triage

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- 1900s saw triage emerging in the ED in the US, Canada, UK, and Europe
  - Brief clinical assessment determining the time and sequence in which a patient should be seen by a **limited resource**
- Triage is a dynamic process as the persons status can change

# Triage

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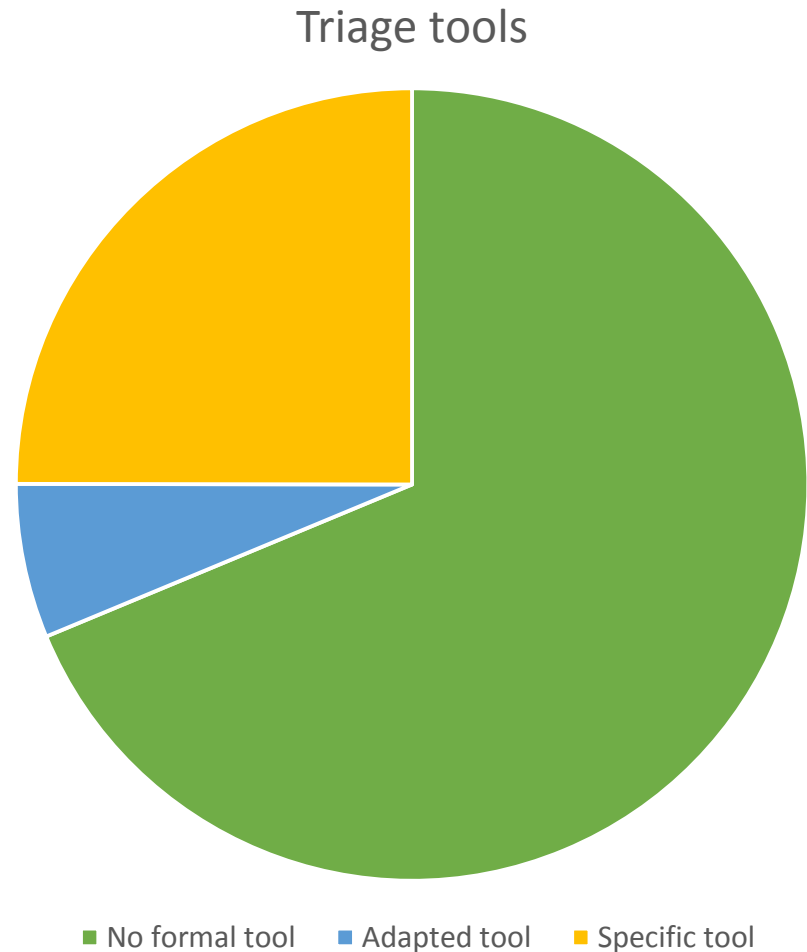
- For those requiring routine care, triage takes on a different purpose
  - Identification of patients who require more urgent assessment
  - Goal is reduction of morbidity from disease
  - Common thread:

**Limited resource!**

# Triage - Geriatrics

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- Not a lot of literature in this area
- Many 'homegrown' triage tools
- No formal tool – patient-specific, clinician judgement
- Adapted tool – from another service or sector
- Specific tool – characteristics and timeframes, mostly very urgent issues (1 or 2 urgent examples)



# Triage - Geriatrics

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- Example: No formal tool
  - 'RN, NP, Geriatrician reviews referrals with 'gestalt' view of needs based on written referral
  - If GP calls, patient given more urgent status
  - If 'urgent' indicated on referral, patient given more urgent status
  - 'Seen more urgently if recently in ED'
- No specific timeframes

# Triage - Geriatrics

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- **Priority 1 (red)**

- Failure to thrive with identifiable risks to self
- Health care provider screening/identified as priority/urgent on referral
- Imminent hospital admission and/or recurrent ER presentations secondary to geriatric syndrome
- Suspected Delirium
- New responsive behavior (community patient)
  - *For any patients with the above information, a telephone call is required.*

- **Priority 2 (Yellow)**

- Frequent falls
- Caregiver burnout

- **Priority 3 (no colour)**

- Not at risk of hospitalization
- Community supports in place
- LTC resident
- All other reasons for referral

# Triage - Geriatrics

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Table 2 Wait Time Standards

Triage Category	Examples (not all inclusive)	Standard Wait Time
Urgent	Rapid functional decline Pre-op cognitive assessment Rapid cognitive decline	Within 14 days
Non-Urgent	Frail elderly with multiple problems Memory disorders Frail elderly with multiple medications Falls	Within 56 days
Non-Urgent Day Hospital	Frail elderly with multiple problems Memory disorders Frail elderly with multiple medications Falls	Within 84 days

# Our Project

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- Our study aims to create the first ever Canada-wide expert consensus administrative triage tool for the prioritization of patients in a geriatric outpatient clinic.
  - This will help expedite services to highly vulnerable older adults which may ultimately reduce burden on acute care centers and emergency departments.
    - Poll active geriatricians across Canada
    - Modified Delphi technique
    - Creation of a ranked list of patient characteristics
    - Final expert panel



# Questions for you!

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1. Is triage in geriatrics outpatient clinics necessary?
2. Which patient characteristics, in your opinion, would be considered URGENT within a triage tool for a geriatric outpatient clinic?
  - Pick all that apply
  - If you chose 'other', you can respond in the discussion box below

# Thank you!

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- Questions after Dr. Mehta's presentation

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# **Screening in MCI and** **Dementia**

Webinar Presentation

Mauli Mehta

July 11, 2018

# Overview

- Background of Dementia and MCI
- Screening principles applied to Dementia/ MCI
- Current Recommendations

# Background - Dementia

- DSM-V: “Major neurocognitive disorder”
- Cognitive decline that is significant enough to interfere with independence in instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs)
- Major dementia syndromes include:
  - Alzheimer's disease (AD)
  - Vascular dementia (VaD)
  - Frontotemporal dementia (FTD)
  - Dementia with Lewy Bodies
  - Parkinson's disease with dementia (PDD)
  - Dementia of mixed etiology

# Background - MCI

- DSM-V: “Mild neurocognitive disorder”
- Cognitive impairment is not severe enough to interfere with independence in daily life
- Cognitive decline as evidenced by
  - self/informant/clinician report
  - impairment on objective cognitive tasks +/- evidence of decline over time on objective tasks

# Natural History

- Dementia
  - The most common types are irreversible and usually progressive.
  - Early stages generally affect IADLs, ability to learn and retain new information. As dementia progresses, patients are unable to carry out basic ADLs.
  - Onset and progression is highly variable and depends on the etiology or type.
- MCI
  - May have some clinical utility for predicting later dementia.
  - Rates of stability, progression, and regression of MCI vary between studies. Variation likely reflects the complex underlying pathology, differences in diagnostic criteria, and differences in population settings and participants.



# Rationale for screening in Older Adults

- 29 - 76% of patients with dementia or probable dementia are not diagnosed by primary care physicians.
- Sensitivity of a clinician's diagnosis appears to be strongly related to dementia severity.
- Rapidly growing population at risk for dementia
- Pharmaceutical agents for treatment of AD
- Media attention to the human suffering associated with AD
- Growing potential of research to improve the outlook for affected patients and their families

# Benefits of Early Detection

- Social
  - Right/ need to know
  - Financial/ social planning
  - POA planning and advance directives
  - Safety (driving, medications, cooking)
  - Early education of caregivers on how to manage the patient
- Medical
  - Management of comorbid conditions (consent, medication management, treatment modifications)
  - Treat reversible causes and risk factor management
  - Compliance strategies
  - Initiation of treatment early
  - Crisis avoidance

# Barriers of early detection

- Biggest barriers:
  - Time restrictions
  - Psychological effects and work-up for false-positives
  - Adverse effects from labelling
- Poorly studied

# Reviewing screening principles

- Must be common
- Must have sensitive and specific tests available for detection
- Must have efficacious treatment
- If treatment exists, treated patients must have better outcomes than untreated patients
- Benefits from screening must outweigh the harms

# Must be Common

- Alzheimer Society's Statistics:
  - 500,000 Canadians living with dementia
  - 25,000 new cases diagnosed every year
  - By 2031, that number is expected to rise to 937,000
  - 1 in 11 over 65 has dementia
  - 1 in 4 has a family member with dementia
  - 1 in 2 Canadians know a person with dementia
- Prevalence of dementia is strongly related to increasing age. Estimated mean prevalence in the United States and Canada:
  - 60 – 64 yrs.: 0.8%
  - 65 – 69 yrs.: 1.7%
  - 70 – 74 yrs.: 3.3%
  - 75 – 79 yrs.: 6.5%
  - 80 – 84 yrs.: 12.8 %
  - 85 + yrs.: 30.1%
- Median prevalence 26.4% for MCI



# Sensitive and Specific Tests

# Screening Test

- Basic purpose of screening tests is to indicate likelihood of genuine cognitive impairment
- Screening tool must:
  - high sensitivity and specificity
  - high positive predictive value
  - easy to administer
  - achievable in the minimum time possible
  - obtain indices of key cognitive domains in a brief consultation
- Problems encountered:
  - Overemphasis on memory dysfunction with neglect of other domains such as language, praxis or executive function
  - Emphasis on cut-off scores rather than profiles of impairment

# Cognitive Tests to Detect Dementia

## A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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# Study Design

- Systematic review and meta-analysis of 149 studies
- Assessed the accuracy of MMSE and 10 other screening tests for the detection of dementia.
- Inclusion:
  - involved participants studied for the detection of dementia associated with Alzheimer disease, vascular dementia, or Parkinson disease in any clinical or community setting
  - Screened patients or caregivers with a face-to-face interview
  - Used standard diagnostic criteria as the criterion for defining dementia
  - Reported the number of participants with dementia and evaluated the accuracy of the screening tests, including sensitivity, specificity, or data that could be used to derive those values.
- Exclusion
  - Not written in English
  - administration time longer than 20 minutes
  - Test was identified in fewer than 4 studies in the literature search
  - If was administered to participants with visual impairment.

**Table 1. Characteristics of the 11 Screening Tests for Dementia**

Screening Test (Administration Time)	Total Score <sup>a</sup>	No. of Questions <sup>b</sup>	Components of Screening Tests
MMSE (6-10 min) <sup>7</sup>	0-30	20 <sup>c,d</sup>	Orientation, memory, language, attention, and visuospatial
Very brief (≤5 min)			
CDT			
Shulman et al <sup>29</sup>	0-5/1-6	1	Visuospatial and executive function
Sunderland et al <sup>28</sup>	1-10	1	
Mini-Cog test <sup>10</sup>	0-5	2	Memory, visuospatial, and executive function
MIS <sup>30</sup>	0-8	1 <sup>e</sup>	Memory
VF test <sup>33</sup>	NA <sup>f</sup>	1	Memory and language
Brief (≤10 min)			
AMT <sup>27</sup>	0-10	10	Orientation, memory, and attention
GPCOG <sup>9,11</sup>	0-15	15	Orientation, memory, language, visuospatial, executive function, and other daily living functions
MoCA <sup>31</sup>	0-30	18 <sup>d</sup>	Orientation, memory, language, attention, and executive function
Detailed (≤20 min)			
ACE-R <sup>9</sup>	0-100	39 <sup>c</sup>	Orientation, memory, language, attention, visuospatial, and executive function
IQCODE <sup>h</sup>			
Short form <sup>13</sup>	16-80	16	
Long form <sup>12</sup>	26-130	26	Orientation, memory, language, and other daily living functions
3MS <sup>32</sup>	0-100	34 <sup>c,d</sup>	Orientation, memory, language, attention, and visuospatial

Abbreviations: ACE-R, Addenbrooke's Cognitive Examination Revised; AMT, Abbreviated Mental Test; CDT, Clock Drawing Test; GPCOG, General Practitioner Assessment of Cognition; IQCODE, Informant Questionnaire on Cognitive Decline in Elderly; MIS, Memory Impairment Screen; MMSE, Mini-Mental State Examination; MoCA, Montreal Cognitive Assessment; 3MS, modified Mini-Mental State Examination; NA, not applicable; VF, verbal fluency.

<sup>a</sup> High score stands for good cognitive function, except for the IQCODE test.

<sup>b</sup> Number of questions only include questions that counting marks.

<sup>c</sup> For the orientation part, year, month, date, day, and season are counted as 5 questions.

<sup>d</sup> For the naming test, the test has to ask the name of each item, so each item counts as one question.

<sup>e</sup> Only count the free recall and not the cued recall (cued recall conduct only if unable to perform free recall).

<sup>f</sup> No maximum score for the VF test.

<sup>g</sup> Six of 15 marks were asked for informants.

<sup>h</sup> The test is only for feedback from informants, and a high score indicates severe cognitive deficits.

# Results

- Most common screening test used was MMSE (68.5%) followed by MoCA (13.4%)
- Patients mainly from community or clinic settings (80.3%)
- MCI:
  - MMSE - 0.62 sensitivity (95% CI, 0.52-0.71) and 0.87 specificity (95% CI, 0.80-0.92)
  - MOCA - 0.89 sensitivity (95% CI, 0.84-0.92) and 0.75 specificity (95% CI, 0.62-0.85)

Table 3. Meta-analyses for Diagnostic Accuracy on Dementia

Screening Test	No. of Study Cohorts	Pooled (95% CI)		Pooled LR (95% CI)	
		Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive	Negative
MMSE <sup>7</sup>	108	0.81 (0.78-0.84)	0.89 (0.87-0.91)	7.45 (6.25-8.88)	0.21 (0.18-0.25)
Very brief (≤5 min)					
CDT					
Shulman et al <sup>29</sup>	9	0.83 (0.75-0.89)	0.84 (0.69-0.92)	5.02 (2.61-9.64)	0.20 (0.14-0.29)
Sunderland et al <sup>28</sup>	9	0.76 (0.69-0.83)	0.85 (0.76-0.91)	5.09 (3.18-8.13)	0.28 (0.20-0.38)
Mini-Cog test <sup>10</sup>	9	0.91 (0.80-0.96)	0.86 (0.74-0.93)	6.56 (3.25-13.24)	0.10 (0.04-0.25)
MIS <sup>30</sup>	6	0.797 (0.68-0.86)	0.91 (0.84-0.96)	9.18 (4.81-17.55)	0.23 (0.15-0.36)
VF test <sup>33</sup>	7	0.80 (0.73-0.86)	0.82 (0.73-0.88)	4.38 (2.82-6.79)	0.24 (0.17-0.35)
Brief (≤10 min)					
AMT <sup>27</sup>	14	0.88 (0.82-0.92)	0.85 (0.81-0.89)	5.94 (4.46-7.91)	0.15 (0.10-0.22)
GPCOG <sup>11</sup>	5	0.92 (0.81-0.97)	0.87 (0.83-0.90)	6.79 (5.33-8.64)	0.10 (0.04-0.22)
MoCA <sup>31</sup>	20	0.91 (0.84-0.95)	0.81 (0.71-0.88)	4.78 (3.10-7.39)	0.12 (0.07-0.20)
Detailed (≤20 min)					
ACE-R <sup>9</sup>	13	0.92 (0.90-0.94)	0.89 (0.84-0.93)	8.60 (5.62-13.16)	0.09 (0.06-0.11)
IQCODE					
Short form <sup>13</sup>	7	0.89 (0.85-0.92)	0.82 (0.63-0.93)	4.91 (2.19-11.01)	0.14 (0.11-0.18)
Long form <sup>12</sup>	17	0.84 (0.81-0.87)	0.82 (0.75-0.87)	4.73 (3.42-6.55)	0.19 (0.16-0.22)
3MS <sup>32</sup>	9	0.86 (0.83-0.89)	0.85 (0.74-0.92)	5.81 (3.20-10.55)	0.17 (0.13-0.21)

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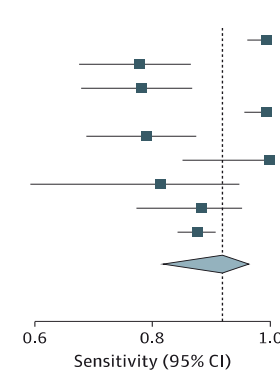
# Summary

- Mini-Cog test and the ACE-R had better diagnostic performance for dementia when compared to MMSE
- MoCA had better diagnostic performance for MCI compared to MMSE

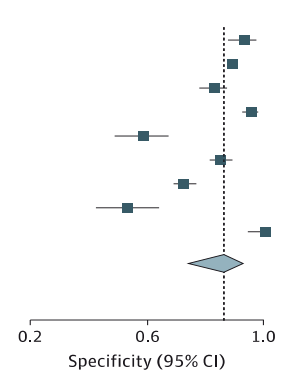
Figure 2. Forest Plots for the Pooled Sensitivity and Specificity

## A Studies of Mini-Cog test scores for dementia

	Sensitivity (95% CI)
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Borson et al, <sup>34</sup> 2003	0.76 (0.65-0.85)
Borson et al, <sup>35</sup> 2005	0.77 (0.66-0.86)
Borson et al, <sup>36</sup> 2006	0.99 (0.95-1.00)
Carnero-Pardo et al, <sup>37</sup> 2013	0.78 (0.71-0.84)
Fuchs et al, <sup>38</sup> 2012	1.00 (0.84-1.00)
Holsinger et al, <sup>39</sup> 2012	0.80 (0.56-0.94)
Kaufer et al, <sup>40</sup> 2008	0.87 (0.76-0.95)
Milian et al, <sup>41</sup> 2012	0.87 (0.83-0.90)
Combined	0.91 (0.80-0.96)
	$Q_8 = 71.76, P < .001$
	$I^2 = 88.85 (82.94-94.76)$

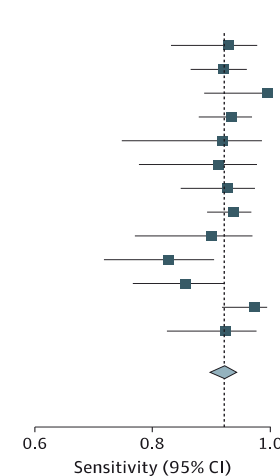


	Specificity (95% CI)
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Carnero-Pardo et al, <sup>37</sup> 2013	0.59 (0.50-0.67)
Fuchs et al, <sup>38</sup> 2012	0.85 (0.81-0.89)
Holsinger et al, <sup>39</sup> 2012	0.73 (0.69-0.77)
Kaufer et al, <sup>40</sup> 2008	0.54 (0.43-0.64)
Milian et al, <sup>41</sup> 2012	1.00 (0.94-1.00)
Combined	0.86 (0.74-0.93)
	$Q_8 = 259.11, P < .001$
	$I^2 = 96.91 (95.80-98.03)$

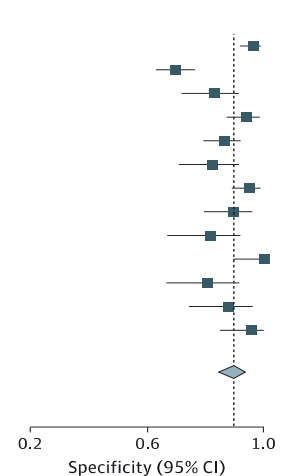


## B Studies of ACE-R scores for dementia

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Carvalho et al, <sup>44</sup> 2010	1.00 (0.89-1.00)
dos Santos Kawala et al, <sup>45</sup> 2012	0.94 (0.88-0.97)
Fang et al, <sup>46</sup> 2014	0.92 (0.74-0.99)
Konstantinopoulou et al, <sup>47</sup> 2011	0.91 (0.77-0.98)
Kwak et al, <sup>48</sup> 2010	0.93 (0.85-0.98)
Mioshi et al, <sup>9</sup> 2006	0.94 (0.89-0.97)
Piglautille et al, <sup>49</sup> 2011, study 1	0.90 (0.76-0.97)
Piglautille et al, <sup>49</sup> 2011, study 2	0.82 (0.71-0.90)
Terpening et al, <sup>50</sup> 2011	0.85 (0.76-0.92)
Torrvalva et al, <sup>51</sup> 2011	0.98 (0.92-1.00)
Wong et al, <sup>52</sup> 2013	0.93 (0.82-0.98)
Combined	0.92 (0.90-0.94)
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	$I^2 = 53.02 (23.44-82.60)$

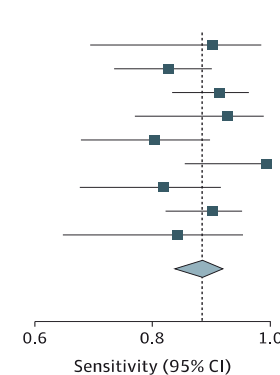


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Fang et al, <sup>46</sup> 2014	0.86 (0.78-0.91)
Konstantinopoulou et al, <sup>47</sup> 2011	0.82 (0.70-0.90)
Kwak et al, <sup>48</sup> 2010	0.95 (0.88-0.99)
Mioshi et al, <sup>9</sup> 2006	0.89 (0.78-0.95)
Piglautille et al, <sup>49</sup> 2011, study 1	0.80 (0.65-0.91)
Piglautille et al, <sup>49</sup> 2011, study 2	1.00 (0.89-1.00)
Terpening et al, <sup>50</sup> 2011	0.80 (0.64-0.91)
Torrvalva et al, <sup>51</sup> 2011	0.88 (0.73-0.96)
Wong et al, <sup>52</sup> 2013	0.95 (0.84-0.99)
Combined	0.89 (0.84-0.93)
	$Q_{12} = 94.31, P < .001$
	$I^2 = 87.28 (81.52-93.03)$

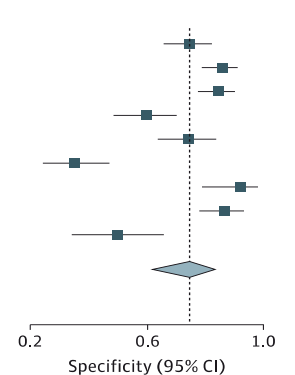


## C Studies of MoCA scores for MCI

	Sensitivity (95% CI)
Dalrymple-Alford et al, <sup>53</sup> 2010	0.90 (0.70-0.99)
Dong et al, <sup>54</sup> 2012	0.83 (0.74-0.90)
Hu et al, <sup>55</sup> 2013	0.92 (0.84-0.97)
Larner, <sup>56</sup> 2012	0.93 (0.77-0.99)
Cummings-Vaughn et al, <sup>57</sup> 2014	0.81 (0.68-0.90)
Luis et al, <sup>58</sup> 2009	1.00 (0.86-1.00)
Martinelli et al, <sup>59</sup> 2014	0.82 (0.68-0.92)
Nasreddin et al, <sup>31</sup> 2005	0.90 (0.83-0.96)
Smith et al, <sup>60</sup> 2007	0.85 (0.65-0.96)
Combined	0.89 (0.84-0.92)
	$Q_8 = 11.66, P = .17$
	$I^2 = 31.38 (0.00-84.37)$



	Specificity (95% CI)
Dalrymple-Alford et al, <sup>53</sup> 2010	0.75 (0.66-0.82)
Dong et al, <sup>54</sup> 2012	0.86 (0.79-0.91)
Hu et al, <sup>55</sup> 2013	0.85 (0.78-0.90)
Larner, <sup>56</sup> 2012	0.60 (0.49-0.70)
Cummings-Vaughn et al, <sup>57</sup> 2014	0.75 (0.64-0.84)
Luis et al, <sup>58</sup> 2009	0.35 (0.24-0.47)
Martinelli et al, <sup>59</sup> 2014	0.92 (0.79-0.98)
Nasreddin et al, <sup>31</sup> 2005	0.87 (0.79-0.94)
Smith et al, <sup>60</sup> 2007	0.50 (0.34-0.66)
Combined	0.75 (0.62-0.85)
	$Q_8 = 112.82, P = .001$
	$I^2 = 92.91 (89.61-96.21)$



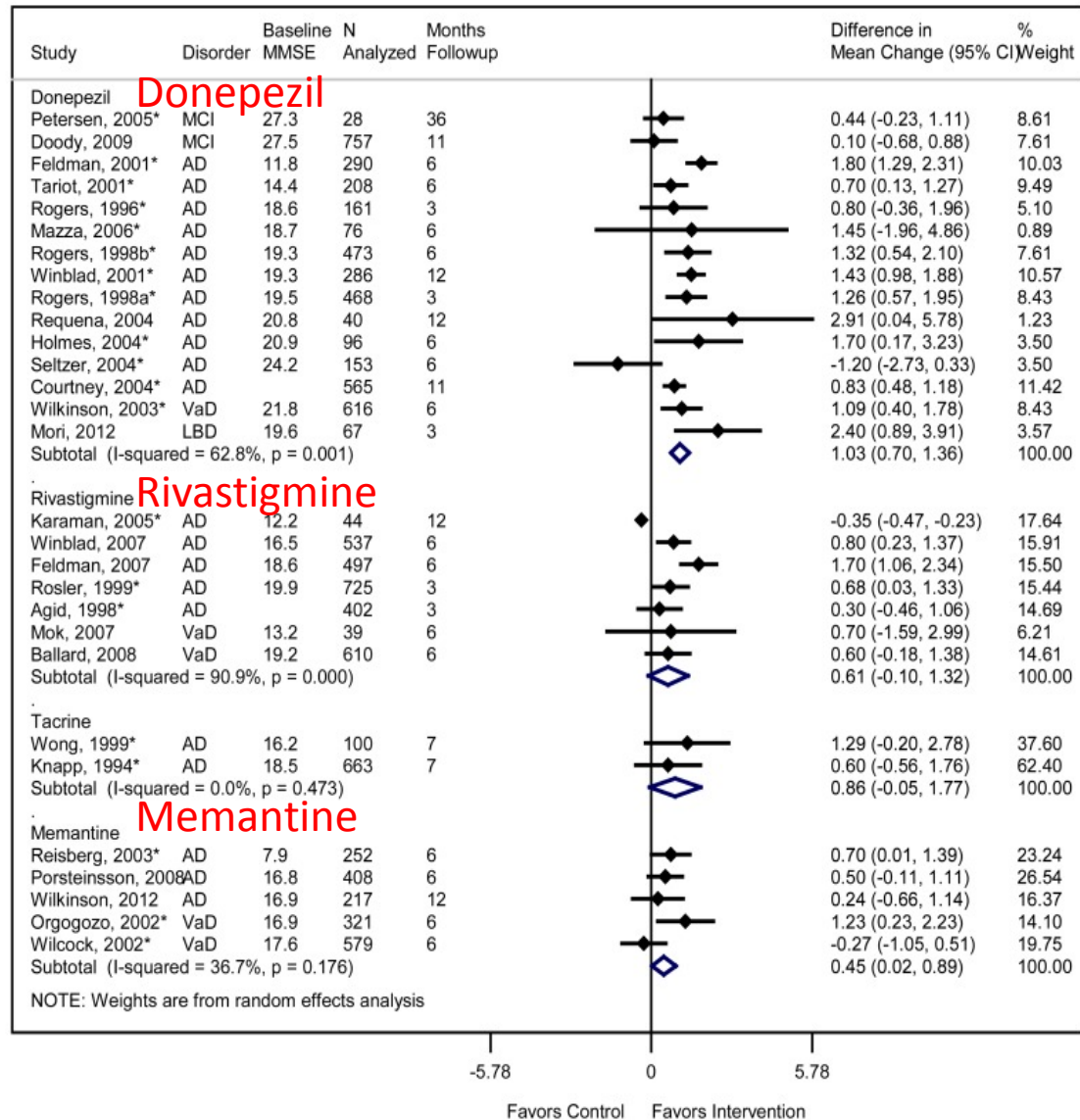
# Discussion...

What screening tests are used in your clinic?

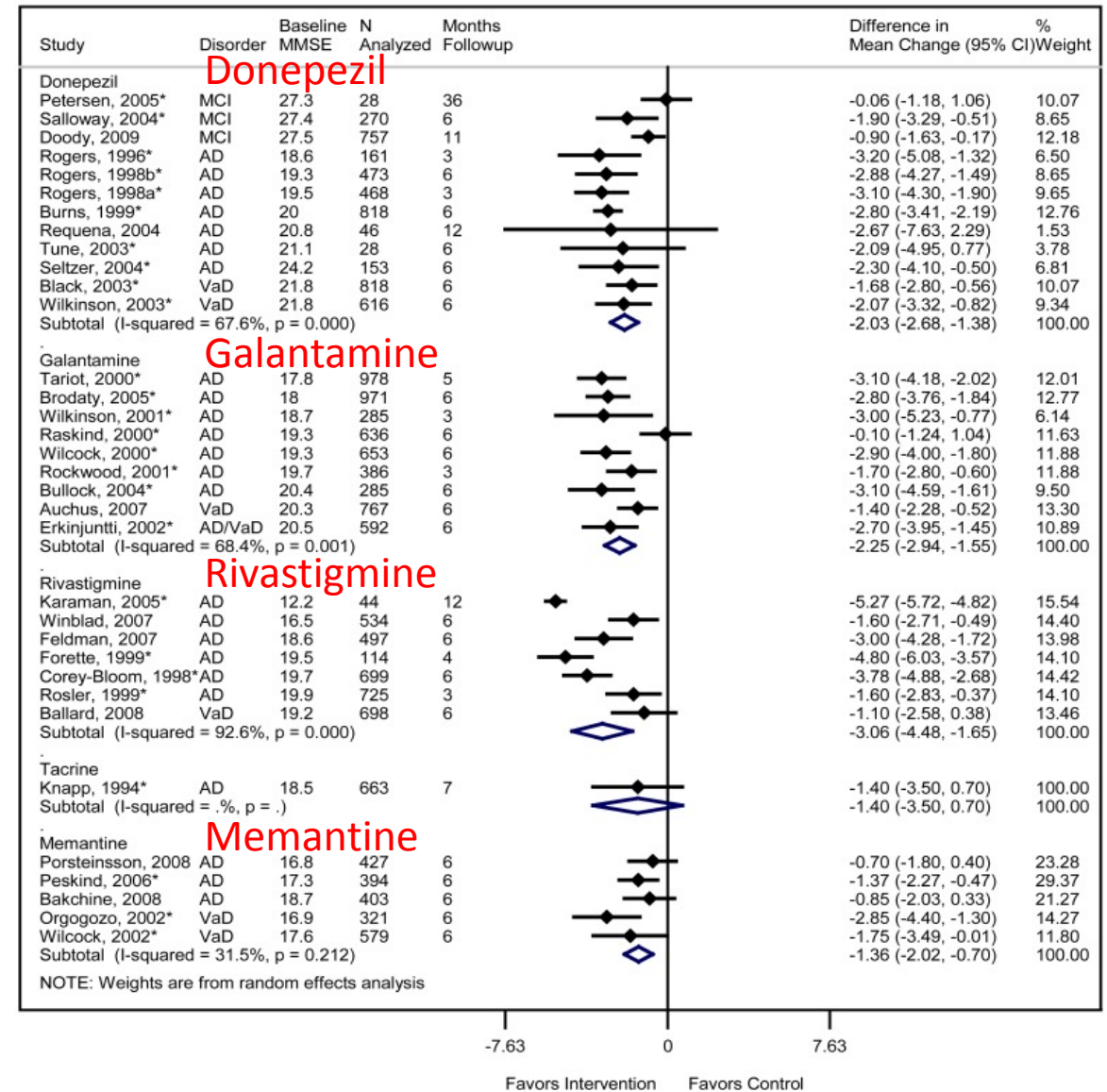
Must have efficacious treatment



# Meta-Analyses for AChEIs and Memantine on Global Cognitive Function, Measured by the ADAS-Cog

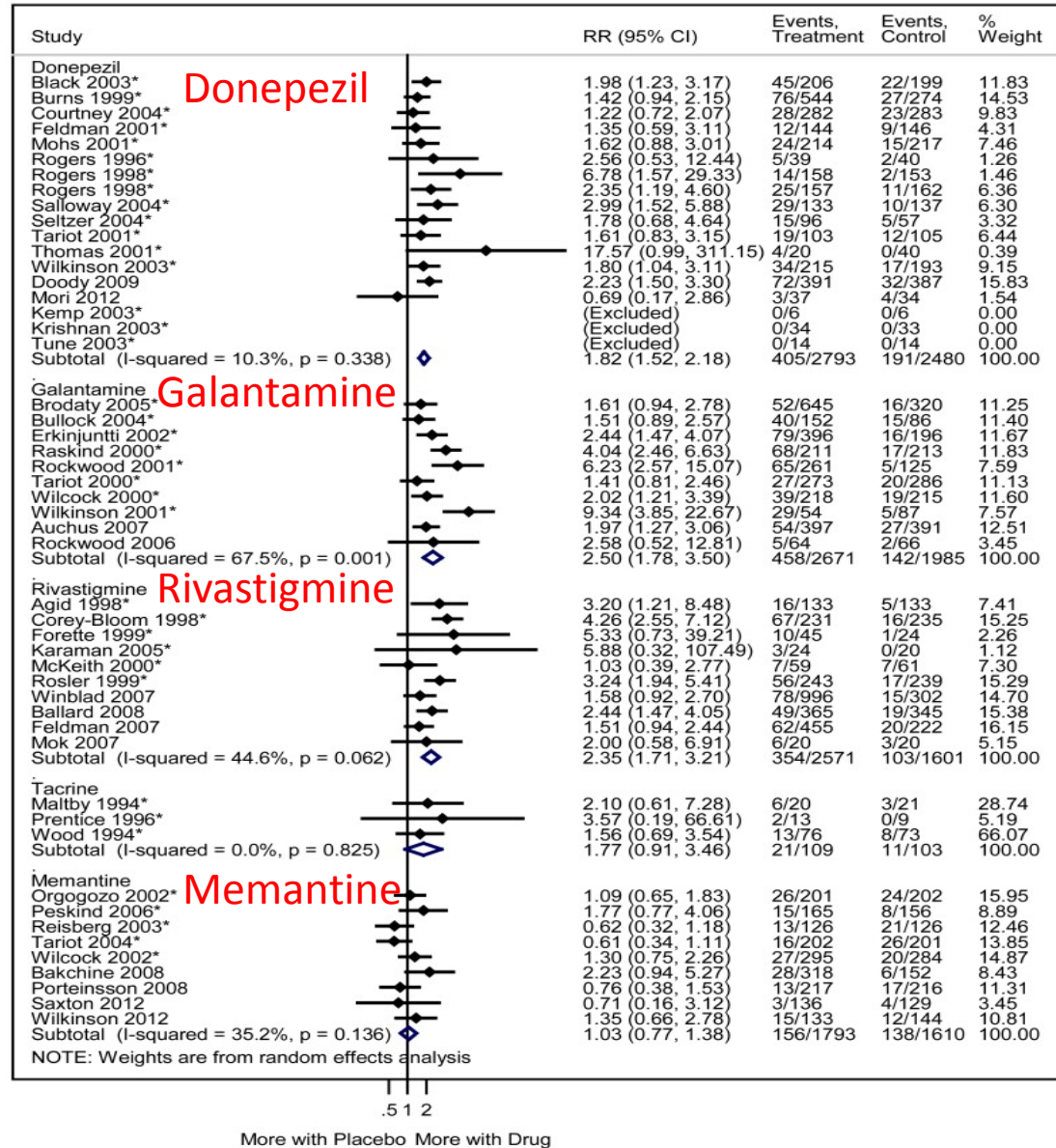


# Meta-Analyses for AChEIs and Memantine on Global Cognitive Function, Measured by the MMSE

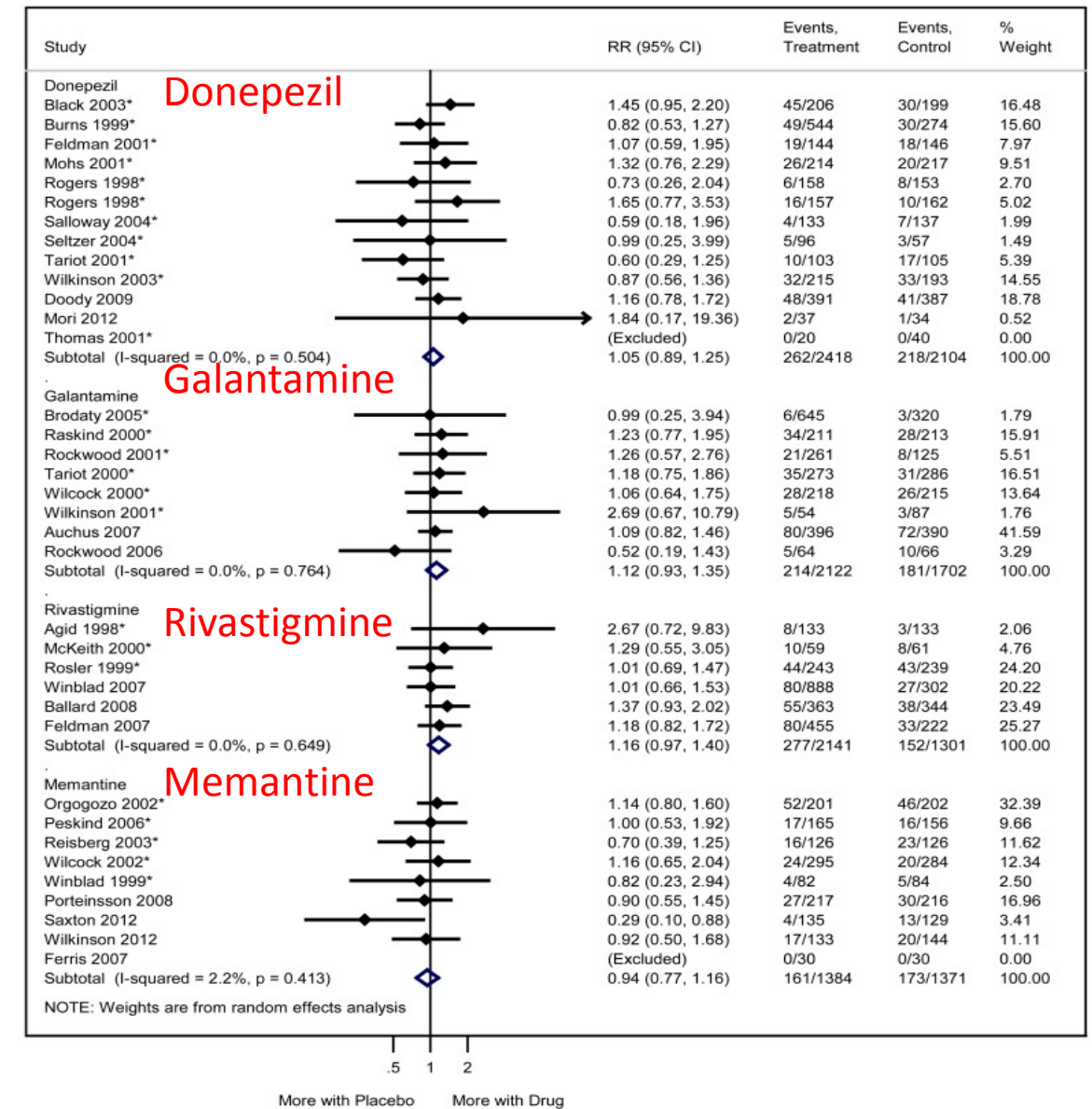




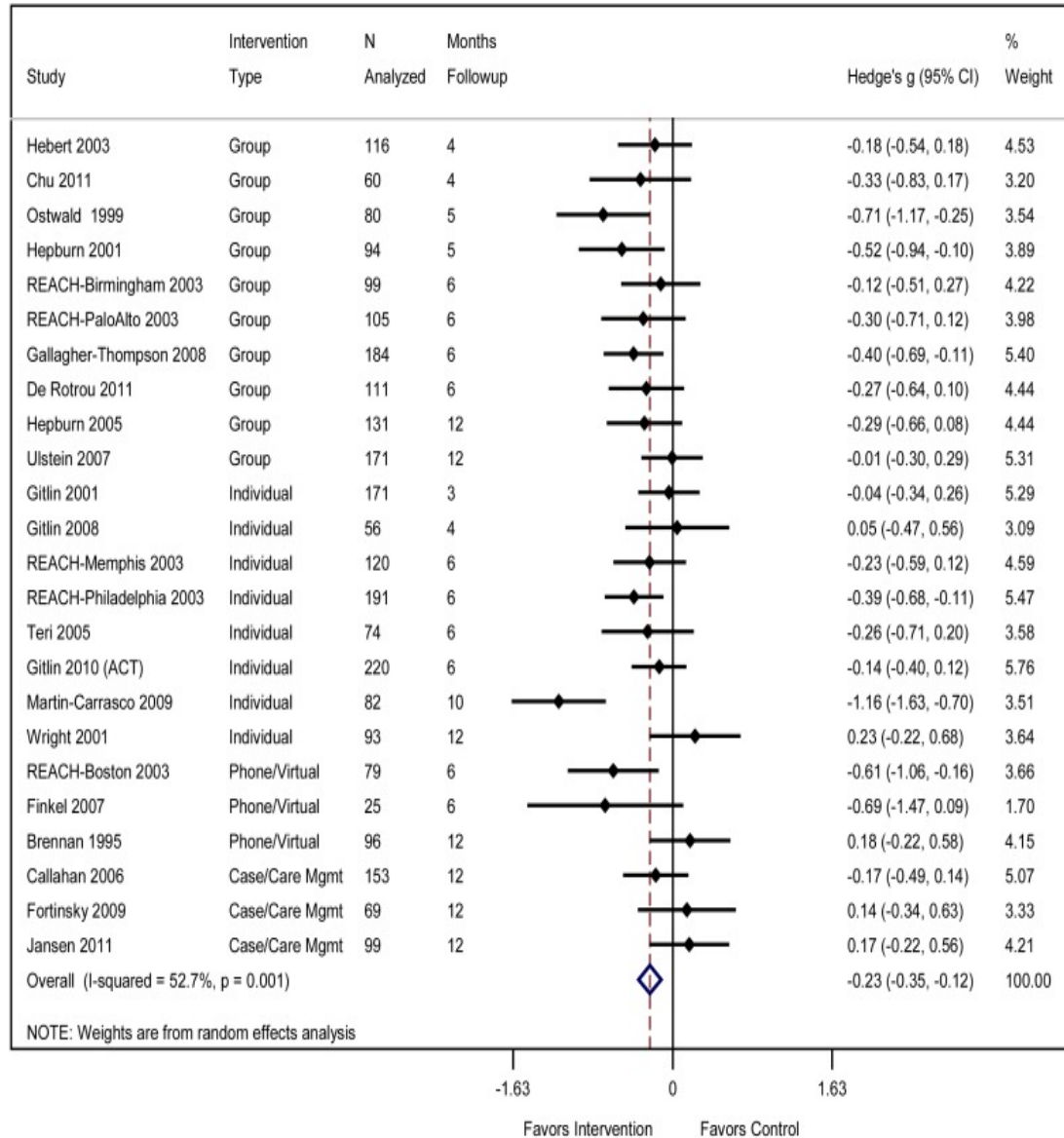
# Meta-Analyses for AChEIs and Memantine on Withdrawals Due to Adverse Events



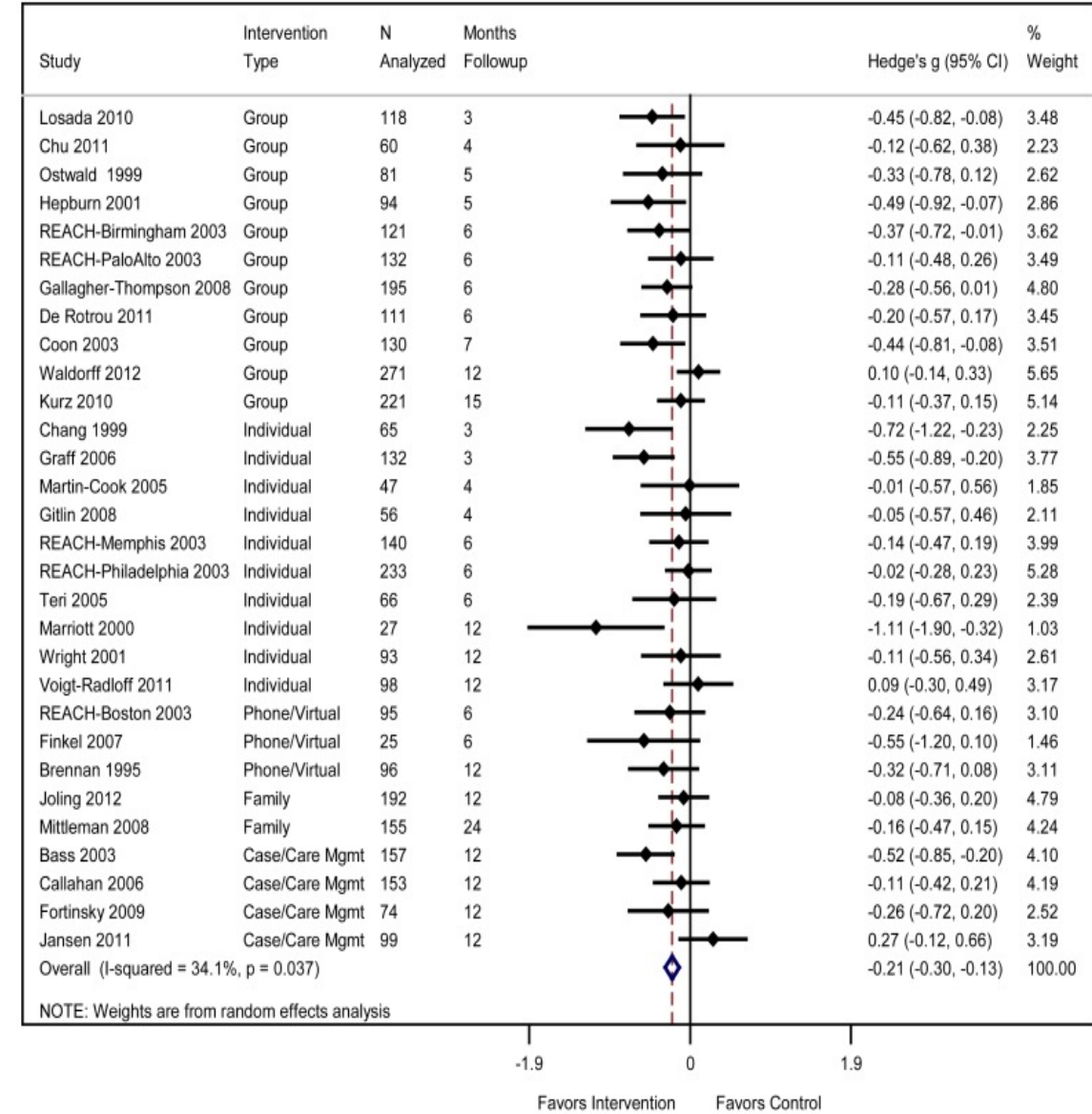
# Meta-Analyses for AChEIs and Memantine on Serious Adverse Events



# Meta-Analyses for Psychoeducational Caregiver Interventions on Caregiver Burden



# Meta-Analyses for Psychoeducational Caregiver Interventions on Caregiver Depression



# Reviewing screening principles

Principles	
Must be common	Yes
Must have sensitive and specific tests available for detection	Yes
Must have efficacious treatment	Unclear
If treatment exists, treated patients must have better outcomes than untreated patients	Unclear
Benefits from screening must outweigh the harms	Unclear

# Recommendations

The USPSTF - current evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of screening for cognitive impairment.

BUT also states “although the overall evidence on routine screening is insufficient, clinicians should remain alert to early signs or symptoms of cognitive impairment (for example, problems with memory or language) and evaluate as appropriate.”

Canadian Consensus Guidelines - no evidence for or against screening



# Dementia Screening Indicator

Can help guide clinician decisions of when it may be appropriate to screen for cognitive impairment in the primary care setting.

Do you think your patient may have cognitive impairment based on:			
<input type="checkbox"/> your observations <input type="checkbox"/> concerns of patient <input type="checkbox"/> concerns of family or others			
<i>If yes to any: Your patient should be screened for cognitive impairment.</i>			
Is your patient age 80 years or older? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no			
<i>If yes: Your patient should be screened for cognitive impairment.</i>			
<i>If no: Administer Dementia Screening Indicator.</i>			
Dementia Screening Indicator			Points
1. How old is your patient? _____ years			
<i>If 65-79 years, assign 1 point per year above age 65. Example: age 65 years receives 0 points; age 72 years receives 7 points.</i>			
2. Does your patient have < 12 years of education? <sup>1</sup>	No (0)	Yes (9)	
3. Is your patient's BMI < 18.5 kg/m <sup>2</sup> ? <sup>2</sup>	No (0)	Yes (8)	
4. Does your patient have a history of type 2 diabetes?	No (0)	Yes (3)	
5. Has your patient ever had a stroke?	No (0)	Yes (6)	
6. Does your patient need help from others to manage money or medications? <sup>3</sup>	No (0)	Yes (10)	
7. Does your patient currently take anti-depressant medications OR report that "everything was an effort" ≥3 days per week over the past week? <sup>4</sup>	No (0)	Yes (6)	
Total point score: <i>If ≥ 22, your patient should be screened for cognitive impairment.</i>			

<sup>1</sup>Did not graduate from high school or pass a General Educational Development (GED) Test

<sup>2</sup><http://nhlbisupport.com/bmi/>

<sup>3</sup>Ask your patient and/or family member if present: *Do you need help from others to manage money or medications?*

<sup>4</sup>Ask your patient: *In the past week, how many days did you feel that everything was an effort?*

☐ rarely (<1 day)    ☐ little (1-2 days)    ☐ moderate (3-4 days)    ☐ most (5-7 days)

If the answer is either "moderate" or "most," then item 7 in the Dementia Screening Indicator receives a score of 6 points.

# Some Thoughts...

- Can Screen Patients when:
  - The person, family members, or others express concerns about changes in his or her memory or thinking
  - You observe problems/changes in the patient's memory or thinking
  - The patient is age 80 or older
- Other risk factors: low education, history of type 2 diabetes, stroke, depression, and trouble managing money or medications.
- Refer to a specialist if needed

# New Integrated Cognitive Test (ICA)

- *Cognetivity Neurosciences* waiting for approval for Health Canada
- App based - Clinical validation study ongoing
- ICA test has 5 steps and involves use of images from nature to assess a person's short term memory
- May help screen for dementia early

# Conclusion

- Unclear evidence demonstrating that screening for cognitive impairment improves health outcomes or important patient
- Not recommend for screening at this time
- Age is the biggest risk factor for cognitive impairment.  
Therefore, if screening is advisable, then using age to target cognitive screening is a reasonable strategy.



# Questions and Discussion.....



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