# Health Care's Best Kept Secret



# **Diminish Readmissions**

Bridge the Communication Gap Between Hospitals and Health Care Facilities When Caring for Dementia Patients

#### We Have a DEMENTIA DILEMMA Across Our Nation

Research reveals that hospital admissions are significantly higher among dementia patients.

Many hospitals don't think dementia is their responsibility. Hospital and health care facility staffs often say they are too busy to take time to identify memory impaired patient's CURRENT COGNITIVE STATUS.

This miscommunication sends everyone involved in the care of memory impaired patients on a downward spiral of costly inappropriate approaches and interventions to care. Miscommunication can also result in longer hospital stays for dementia patients.

- Hospitalizations are very difficult for individuals who are experiencing Alzheimer's or other types of dementia.
- There is an increased likelihood dementia patients will never return to their prior functioning level post hospitalization.
- Increased likelihood that <u>dementia patients will not be successful with self care instructions</u> such as; medication schedules, diet, hydration, sleep, exercise, and follow up health care appointments given to them when leaving the hospital.

Health care professionals must fully understand the CURRENT COGNITIVE STATUS of their memory impaired patient before they can develop an APPROPRIATE PLAN OF CARE.

The RCCT Cognitive Reporting Form ALERTS health care professionals to

CURRENT COGNTIVE STATUS of their memory impaired patients.

Reality Comprehension Clock Test (RCCT)

Health Care's Most Powerful Cognitive Assessment

#### **EDUCATION: Become RCCT Certified**

Health Care Professionals are required to be certified to administer the Reality Comprehension Clock Test. (RCCT 1999 Brock,B., et al)

They can become RCCT certified by completing the live, online educational workshop "Learn How To Tell More Than Time"

4.0 professional contact hours and certificate awarded upon completion of workshop.

Information: Call: 419-865-6131 or email clockrcct@aol.com



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## Red Flags



Current short term memory skills



Current Communication Skills



Risk of Falling

## RCCT Results Identify

#### Patient's:

Functional Age

Stage of Dementia

Fall Risk

Orientation/Memory

Potential Memory Deficits