

# INITIAL PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSESSMENT

## PRIMARY CAREGIVER INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Relationship to Patient \_\_\_\_\_  
Health Status \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## SOCIAL HISTORY ASSESSMENT

Family System Background (General History) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Family Stability \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Caregivers and Supporters (in Addition to Primary Caregiver) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Members of Immediate Family/Significant Others Living with Patient \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Members of Immediate Family/Significant Others NOT Living with Patient \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Patient's Most Significant Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Patient's Educational History (Indicate Number of Years Completed)

Elementary \_\_\_\_\_ Jr. High/Middle School \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Vocational \_\_\_\_\_

Patient's Occupational History \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic and Cultural Considerations \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Losses/Crises Experienced with Family or Other Significant Others \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PATIENT NAME—Last, First, Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

ID# \_\_\_\_\_

## SUPPORT SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

Discuss the questions listed below with the patient and family. Summarize their responses in the space provided.

What has this experience been like for you? Do(es) family/patient talk about illness with you? How is that for you?

Patient: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Family: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have there been changes in the roles of members of your family? Changes in family plans/routines?

Patient: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Family: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What are the reactions to increased dependency?

Patient: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Family: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Who/what in your community can you count on in hard times?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## PHYSICAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

Environmental Factors \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Source and Adequacy of Income \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Financial Factors \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## RISK ASSESSMENT

| RISK ASSESSMENT ELEMENTS  |  |       | NAME OF PERSON ASSESSED |  |  |  |
|---|--|-------|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| Risk Factor   | Levels   | Score | Patient                 |  |  |  |
| <b>FAMILY</b><br>(Select all that apply)                            | Lives Alone                                      | 1     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Separated/Divorced/Discord                       | 2     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Parent(s) - Still Living                         | 1     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Dependent Family Members (disabled/elderly/sick) | 2     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Minor Children                                   | 2     |                         |  |  |  |
| <b>RELATIONSHIPS</b><br>(Select one)                                | Close/Intimate/Open Communication                | 1     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Supportive/Lives Close                           | 2     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Supportive/Lives Distant                         | 3     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Not Close/Rare/Occasional                        | 4     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Estranged/Disruptive                             | 5     |                         |  |  |  |
| <b>SELF REPROACH/GUILT HOPELESSNESS/ SELF-BLAME</b><br>(Select one) | None - Coping Well                               | 1     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Mild - Expresses Concern                         | 2     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Moderate - Frustration/Anger                     | 3     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Severe - No Coping/Bitterness                    | 4     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Extreme - Suicidal/Aggressive                    | 5     |                         |  |  |  |
| <b>ADDITIONAL RISK FACTORS</b><br>(Select all that apply)           | Recent (< 2 mo) Diagnosis                        | 2     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Financial/Legal Issues                           | 2     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Other Recent (12 mo) Losses                      | 3     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Mental Health History/Active                     | 4     |                         |  |  |  |
|   | Alcohol/Substance Abuse                          | 5     |                         |  |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL SCORE</b>  |  |       |                         |  |  |  |
| <b>BEREAVEMENT RISK LEVEL (Mild/Moderate/High):</b>                 |  |       |                         |  |  |  |

**MILD RISK = 10 OR LESS      MODERATE RISK = 11 TO 19      HIGH RISK = 20 OR MORE**

### SERVICE NEEDS

**Does the patient need assistance in any of the areas listed below?**

|                        | YES | NO | TYPE OF ASSISTANCE/REFERRAL NEEDED |
|------------------------|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| Budget Counseling      |     |    |                                    |
| Other Financial Need   |     |    |                                    |
| Social Services        |     |    |                                    |
| Funeral Arrangements   |     |    |                                    |
| Legal Will Preparation |     |    |                                    |

### EMOTIONAL ASSESSMENT

**Is the patient exhibiting or experiencing the following?**

|                           | YES | NO |              | YES | NO |                         | YES | NO |
|---------------------------|-----|----|--------------|-----|----|-------------------------|-----|----|
| Memory Problems           |     |    | Withdrawal   |     |    | Feelings of: Loneliness |     |    |
| Changes in Sleep Patterns |     |    | Hostility    |     |    | Isolation               |     |    |
| Anxiety                   |     |    | Anger        |     |    | Guilt                   |     |    |
| Alertness                 |     |    | Irritability |     |    | Moodiness               |     |    |
| Lethargy                  |     |    | Depression   |     |    | Hallucinations          |     |    |

Does the patient have impaired comprehension, judgment, or reasoning?    Yes (If yes, explain)    No

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**COMMENTS ON PATIENT/FAMILY RISK POTENTIAL AND EMOTIONAL STATUS**

(Discuss risk potential of patient/family and the primary problems observed. Include family dynamics, present and anticipated coping, support systems, etc. Also include grief potential within the family and any factors that would influence the intensity or level of grief.)

Lined area for writing comments on patient/family risk potential and emotional status.

**ASSESSMENT SUMMARY AND PLAN**

Lined area for writing the assessment summary and plan.

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Signature and Title of Assessor \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_