

TABLE 1
Evaluation Procedures for Establishing Diagnostic Criteria ¹

Criteria for Diagnosis of Dementia	Assessment Method	Possible Instruments
1.Memory Decline	History Caretaker Interview/Questionnaire	Dementia Scales: Dementia Questionnaire for Mentally Retarded Persons Dementia Scale for Down Syndrome Mental Status Exams: Down Syndrome Mental Status Examination Test for Severe Impairment Neuropsychological Tests: Tests of verbal and nonverbal memory, immediate and delayed memory_
2.Decline in Other Cognitive Functions	History Caretaker Interview/Questionnaires Neuropsychological Testing	Dementia Scales (see above) Mental Status Exams (see above) Adaptive Behavior Scales: Scales of Independent Behavior Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales Adaptive Behavior Scale--Residential and Community Disability Assessment Schedule Neuropsychological Tests: Tests of expressive and receptive language, fine motor skills, visual- spatial functioning, etc._
3.Awareness of Environment	Clinical Evaluation (General Physical Exam/Neurological Exam)	Dementia Scales (see above) Psychopathology Scales: Reiss Screen for Maladaptive Behavior Emotional Problems Scale Psychopathology Inventory for Mentally Retarded Adults Psychiatric Assessment Schedule for Adults with a Developmental Disability Diagnostic Assessment for the Severely Handicapped Maladaptive/Problem Behavior Scales: Aberrant Behavior Checklist Scales of Independent Behavior Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales Adaptive Behavior Scale--Residential and Community Disability Assessment Schedule
4.Emotional Control, Motivation, Social Behavior	History Caretaker Interview/Questionnaires	
5.Duration	History Caretaker Interview/Questionnaires	
Criteria for Diagnosis of AD		
Exclusionary Criteria	History Caretake Interview//Questionnaires Clinical Evaluation (General Exam/Neurological Exam) Behavioral/Psychiatric Evaluation Laboratory Studies (as needed)	¹ <i>These tests are appropriate with individuals with ID, although validity and reliability data may be inadequate for some of them. Tests must be administered more than once to establish criteria.</i> ² <i>Appropriate tests of these specific neuropsychological functions must be administered longitudinally to document decline with certainty.</i>