

Continuing Skills Test

A brief review of critical items all screeners should know about the CST

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Preparing for the CST

The [UW-Oshkosh Functional Screener Learning Center](#) contains many study guides to help screeners prepare for the CST.

(https://wss.ccdet.uwosh.edu/stc/dhsfunctscreen/pscis.dll?linkid=553315&main_menu=DHSFUNCTSCREEN&top_frame=1)

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Allowable Resources for CST

All answers to every question will be found in the following resources:

- ✓ LTCFS Instructions
- ✓ Diagnoses Cue Sheet

These resources may be helpful but the CST contains no questions that pertain only to these resources:

- ✓ Guide for I/DD per Federal Definition
- ✓ Functional Screen Form (aka the “paper form”)
- ✓ Basic Information for Screeners
- ✓ Glossary of Acronyms

Structure of CST

Scenarios and Multiple Choice Questions

The Scenario

- A scenario is an in-depth look at a single individual being screened
- Each scenario is followed by several multiple-choice questions that pertain to the information included in the scenario
- Use only the information provided in the scenario – do not make assumptions about the person.

Multiple Choice Questions

- These questions stand on their own and are not related to any other question on the CST.
- The Multiple Choice section is organized by Module
- Use only the information provided in the question – do not make assumptions about the person.

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Let's look at sample questions

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Sample Scenario: Dean

- Utilize study or reminder techniques
 - Highlight
 - Underline
 - Take notes
- Think about:
 - What needs are there
 - What diagnoses are causing the need
 - Is there any equipment used

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What selection should be made for the Bathing ADL on Dean's LTCFS?

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What is the need for assistance with Bathing?

- Needs prompts to initiate bathing
- Difficulty washing his hair

1: Help is needed to complete the task safely **but helper DOES NOT have to be physically present throughout the task**

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What diagnosis causes a need for assistance?

- Prompting and cueing due to cognitive impairment
 - **A7**-Other Congenital Disorders similar to Intellectual Disability
- Washing hair due to hypotonia
 - **D13** Other Musculoskeletal, Neuromuscular, or Peripheral Nerve Disorders

Both A7 and D13 should be part of the correct answer.

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What adaptive equipment should be selected?

- Uses Grab Bar(s)
- Uses Tub Bench

Both Adaptive Equipment should be listed as part of the correct answer.

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Putting this together

- 1: Help is needed to complete the task safely **but helper DOES NOT have to be physically present throughout the task**
- Fragile X, and hypotonia
- Uses grab bars, built in shower bench

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The correct answer is...

C. 1: Help is needed to complete the task safely **but helper DOES NOT have to be physically present throughout the task**

- Primary diagnosis: A7 Other Congenital Disorders similar to Intellectual Disability
- Secondary diagnosis: D13 Other Musculoskeletal, Neuromuscular, or Peripheral Nerve Disorders
- Uses Grab Bar(s) and Uses Tub Bench

Rationale: The correct answer is C. Dean is able to complete one, but not all, of the components of bathing, so a helper is needed only part of the time. Due to his cognitive impairment, Dean requires prompts to initiate the task of bathing. In addition, due to his physical impairment, he requires assistance with washing his hair.

Reference: Module 5.6

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What selection should be made for the Toileting ADL on Dean's LTCFS?

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Components of Toileting

- Locating the bathroom facility. (This component pertains only to people with a cognitive impairment.)
- Transferring on or off the toilet, commode, bedpan, or placing a urinal
- Maintaining regular bowel program*
- Cleansing of perineal (peri) area
- Changing of menstrual products and/or incontinence products
- Managing a condom catheter or the ostomy or urinary catheter collection bag (including emptying and/or rinsing the collection bag)
- Redressing the bottom half of the body
- Emptying the commode, bedpan, or urinal container
- Flushing the toilet

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What is the need for assistance with Toileting?

Locating the bathroom facility. (This component pertains only to people with a cognitive impairment.)

Transferring on or off the toilet, commode, bedpan, or placing a urinal

Cleansing of perineal (peri) area

Redressing the bottom half of the body

Flushing the toilet

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The correct answer is...

B. 1: Help is needed to complete the task safely **but helper DOES NOT have to be physically present throughout the task**

- o Primary diagnosis: A7 Other Congenital Disorders similar to Intellectual Disability
- o Secondary diagnosis: None

Rationale: The correct answer is B. Although Dean can complete most of the tasks of toileting independently, he does require a reminder to flush the toilet due to his cognitive impairment. Although he is reminded to wash his hands when he is done in the bathroom, hand washing after toileting is not a component of the task of toileting.

Reference: Module 5.10

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What selection should be made on the HRS Table for Behaviors requiring interventions on Dean's LTCFS?

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Criteria for HRS Behaviors

The behavior must meet the screen definition of Wandering, Self Injurious, or Offensive and Violent.

To record a behavior on the HRS Table, all of the following criteria must be present:

- Person has a cognitive impairment.
- Interventions are required from another person.
- A behavior plan to prevent or respond to the behavior.

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Putting this together

- Cognitive impairment.
- Interventions are required from another person.
- A behavior plan to prevent or respond to the behavior
- The behavior must meet the screen definition of Wandering, Self-Injurious Behavior, or Offensive or Violent Behavior to Others.

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The correct answer is...

A. Not Applicable

Rationale: The correct answer is A. Dean does have maladaptive behaviors, and interventions are in place to mitigate those behaviors. However, the yelling and swearing is not verbally or physically threatening to others to the point where law enforcement would be contacted to intervene.

Reference: Module 7.10

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Multiple Choice Questions

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Module 5 ADLs and IADLs

How should Medication Administration and Medication Management be selected in the IADLs?

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Need for Assistance

Need for Assistance: To be selected as a primary or secondary diagnosis that causes a need for assistance or support from another person, the need must be due to a physical, cognitive, or memory loss impairment, with one exception as outlined in the section titled "Exception to Physical, Cognitive, or Memory Loss Impairment Requirement."

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Medications

- IADL
 - Medication Administration and Medication Management
- HRS Table
 - Medication Administration
 - Medication Management

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Putting this together

Definition of Medication Administration: A person's need for assistance from another person to **take or be given** a medication by any route except intravenously (IV)

Definition of Medication Management: A person's need for assistance from another person to set up or monitor his or her prescribed and regularly scheduled and used medications.

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The correct answer is...

A. 0 – Independent (with or without assistive devices)

Rationale: The correct answer is A. Lucille does not have a physical, cognitive or memory loss impairment requiring the need for assistance. Although Lucille takes the medications for her diagnoses of diabetes and hypertension, these diagnoses are not causing her need for assistance. In addition, although Lucille occasionally needs reminders, she does not currently have a diagnosis of memory loss or a cognitive impairment that would require assistance with this task.

Reference: Modules 5.1 and 5.4

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Module 5 ADLs and IADLs

Which of the following is a reason to make a selection for needing assistance with the Laundry and/or Chores IADL?

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Laundry and/or Chores Definition and Specific Response Guidance

Gardening

Painting rooms in the house

Drapery cleaning

Retrieving or laying out clothes

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The correct answer is...

D. Needs help retrieving or laying out clothes

Rationale: The correct answer is D. The need for assistance to have clothes retrieved and/or laid out for the individual is a task included in the Laundry and/or Chores IADL. Gardening, painting, and drapery cleaning are not captured as reasons for needing assistance.

Reference: Modules 5.7 and 5.16

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Module 6 - Additional Supports

What selection should the screener make under Educational Information for "Are you currently participating in an educational program?"

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Definition of an Educational Program

Simon has been attending technical school taking various leadership enrichment courses for the last year.

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The correct answer is...

B. No

Rationale: The correct answer is B. Simon is taking various leadership enrichment courses, which are not captured on the LTCFS. Educational programs include, but are not limited to, degree programs such as high school, technical schools, and colleges. This does NOT include extracurricular or enrichment programs.

Reference: Module 6.5

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Module 7-Health Related Services (HRS) Table

How should the Ostomy-related Skilled Services be selected on the HRS Table?

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Putting this together

Skilled tasks related to an ostomy to **INCLUDE** on the HRS Table:

Changing the wafer

Special skin care and application of a wafer for a new ostomy

Irrigation of new ostomy

The correct answer is...

D. Weekly

- o Primary Diagnosis: I1 Blind
- o Secondary Diagnosis: None

Rationale: The correct answer is D. Only skilled tasks can be recorded on the Ostomy-related Skilled Services row on the HRS Table. In this example, the only skilled task being completed is the changing of the ostomy wafer every week. Selecting I1 Blind as the primary diagnosis is correct because it is due to his blindness that he cannot complete the tasks independently.

Reference: Modules 4.4 and 7.15

Let's Review

- Use the LTCFS Instructions and Diagnosis Cue Sheet to find answers
- Use only the information provided in the scenario or question – do not make assumptions about the person.
- Utilize techniques helpful to you, such as highlighting, underlining or taking notes

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- Online
- Runs on HTML 5
- Not like 2014
- Screen shots

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Email: shannon.l.smith@dhs.wisconsin.gov

First Name: Shannon

Middle initial:

Last Name: Smith

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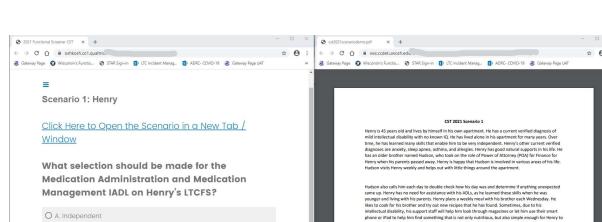
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Scenario 1: Henry

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Henry is 45 years old and lives by himself in his own apartment. He has a current verified diagnosis of mild intellectual disability with no known IQ. He has lived alone in his apartment for many years. Over time, he has learned many skills that enable him to be very independent. Henry's other current verified diagnoses are anxiety, sleep apnea, asthma, and allergies. Henry has good natural supports in his life. He has an older brother named Hudson, who took on the role of Power of Attorney (POA) for Finance for Henry when his parents passed away. Henry is happy that Hudson is involved in various areas of his life. Hudson visits Henry weekly and helps out with little things around the apartment.



Scenario 1: Henry

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What selection should be made for the Medication Administration and Medication Management IADL on Henry's LTCFS?

A. Independent

B. I. Need help. To 2 steps a week or less often

C. Primary diagnosis: A1 Intellectual Disability

D. Secondary diagnosis: None

What is the best way to describe Henry's living situation?

A. Henry lives alone in his apartment. He has a roommate that depends on him for most things but he is not dependent on him for any care. He has learned many skills that enable him to be as independent as possible. Henry's other care is provided by his wife, Linda, who is his primary caregiver. Henry has an older brother named Holden, who looks after the care of Henry's wife, Linda. Henry's wife, Linda, works full-time and has no time to care for Henry. Henry's wife, Linda, would like to help with the care of Henry.

B. Henry lives with his wife, Linda, and his son, Tom. Henry and Linda are a happy couple and have been together for 20 years. Henry and Linda live in a small apartment in a residential neighborhood. Henry's son, Tom, is a college student and lives with his wife, Linda, and their two children. Henry and Linda are happy parents to their grandchildren. Henry's wife, Linda, works full-time and has no time to care for Henry. Henry's wife, Linda, would like to help with the care of Henry.

On evaluation, Henry might need all of the following to be present during the evaluation. He will show the nurse the list and the list of the support staff help prepare the care. From these, Henry is able to do the following. He has always been the one in the ability to care for Henry. Henry will self-select when

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Scenario 1: Henry

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What selection should be made for the Medication Administration and Medication Management IADL on Henry's LTCFS?

A. Independent

B. 1 needs help 1 to 2 days a week or less often
a. Primary diagnosis: **A1** Intellectual Disability
b. Secondary diagnosis: None

C. 1 needs help 1 to 2 days a week or less often
a. Primary diagnosis: **A10** Impaired Gagnosis that may meet state or federal definitions of DD, depending on IQ
b. Secondary diagnosis: None

D. 1 needs help 1 to 2 days a week or less often
a. Primary diagnosis: **A1** Intellectual Disability
b. Secondary diagnosis: **H1** Anxiety Disorder

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How many substantial functional limitations are needed in areas of major life activity to meet the Federal Definition of Intellectual/Developmental Disability target group?

A. 1 area of major life activity

B. 2 areas of major life activity

C. 3 or more areas of major life activity

D. 6 areas of major life activity

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- Screen liaisons may contact DHS through the CST mailbox (DHSLTCFSCST@dhs.wisconsin.gov) with CST questions.
- Screen liaisons may contact DHS through the Team mailbox (DHSLTCFSTeam@dhs.wisconsin.gov) with general questions.

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