THE SHORT PORTABLE MENTAL STATUS QUESTI ONNAI RE (SPMSQ)

| Question | Response | I ncorrect <br> Responses |
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| 1. What are the date, month, and year? |  |  |
| 2. What is the day of the week? |  |  |
| 3. What is the name of this place? |  |  |
| 4. What is your phone number? |  |  |
| 5. How old are you? |  |  |
| 6. When were you born? |  |  |
| 7. Who is the current president? |  |  |
| 8. Who was the president before him? |  |  |
| 9. What was your mother's maiden name? |  |  |
| 10. Can you count backward from 20 by 3's? |  |  |

## SCORING:*

0-2 errors: normal mental functioning
3-4 errors: mild cognitive impairment
5-7 errors: moderate cognitive impairment
8 or more errors: severe cognitive impairment

* One more error is allowed in the scoring if a patient has had a grade school education or less.
*One less error is allowed if the patient has had education beyond the high school level.

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