

Protocol:

Cognitive Status Information Obtained from Dementia Review for Original and Offspring Cohorts

Framingham Heart Study Dataset: *vr_cogstadr_2014_m_0966s*

The Epidemiology of Dementia Study has tracked incident cases of dementia in the Framingham cohort. Although not formally initiated until 1986, the initial baseline dementia-free Original cohort was determined from 1976-78. Tracking for incident dementia in the Offspring cohort also began in 1976 and subjects have had serial MMSE since 1991. Participants whose performance on the MMSE drops 5 or more points across multiple examinations or 3 or more points from the previous examination or who are referred by themselves, their family, a physician from the community or from a FHS ancillary study examination, are flagged for a follow-up neurological and neuropsychological evaluation. Those found to be cognitive impaired by either evaluation are brought to a diagnostic consensus meeting to determine if dementia is evident, and if so, what subtype. Additional information about disease progression (when applicable) is also recorded.