

Information About Your Disability Examination

The Social Security office has asked you to come here to learn more about any mental, learning, or emotional problems you might have. You have listed such problems as at least some of the reasons why you cannot work right now. You will get no counseling or treatment at this visit.

You will be seeing a Psychologist today. The Doctor will ask a lot of questions to understand your symptoms and personal history. You may also take some psychological tests. The Doctor will then write a report to send to the Social Security office describing your symptoms and the test results. Social Security will use this to help decide if you qualify for benefits. The Doctor does not suggest or decide whether or not you should get benefits.

It is important to cooperate, report all your symptoms, and do your best on any tests. If the Doctor feels you are not being honest or have not given your best effort on the tests, he or she must report this, and this could hurt your chances of getting approved for benefits. If you need anything or want to take rest breaks, let us know. We want you to feel comfortable and be able to do your best.

The doctor is not allowed to provide you a copy of the report. However, you can ask your caseworker to send a copy of the report to your own doctor or lawyer.

Some of the tests may be given by the Doctor's assistant. This person will give and score the tests, but the Doctor will interpret them and write the report. This person will have limited access to your file for this purpose only. Let the Doctor know if you have any questions or concerns about this.

You are scheduled today for the following type of appointment:

✓	TYPE OF EXAMINATION	WHAT IT INVOLVES	HOW LONG IT MAY TAKE
	Diagnostic Examination	Talking with the doctor and filling out some short forms	1.5 hours
	Memory or Intellectual Assessment	Same as above, plus taking a test of either your memory abilities <u>or</u> general thinking skills	2.5 hours
	Complex Assessment	Same as above, but taking tests of <u>both</u> your memory and thinking skills	3-4 hours
	Comprehensive Assessment	Same as above, but add one or more lengthy paper-and-pencil questionnaires for you to fill out	4-5 hours

Please read and sign the following. Give this form to your doctor when they come to get you.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above conditions of this examination.



Signed (yourself or your legal guardian)

Date

Finally, we would ask a special favor. Some doctors in this office are doing research on how some disabilities and injuries can affect people. We might like to use a few of your test scores in this project. Your privacy is protected and your name would not be used. Asking your scores not be used will not influence your examination or the report that is written. Do we have your permission to use some of the scores?



_____ (initials) ***Yes, I give my permission for my test scores to be included in this project.***

or

_____ (initials) ***No, I prefer my scores not be used in this project.***