

### Instructions to the Candidate:

- **Review** the patient information from Thomas and his wife, Margaret.
  - **Discuss** your differential diagnosis and the initial workup required to assess cognitive decline.
  - **You have 15 minutes** for this case discussion. The examiner will ask questions to guide your response.
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### Scenario:

Thomas Mitchell, a 78-year-old retired accountant, is brought in by his wife, Margaret, who expresses concerns about his **increasing forgetfulness** over the past 12 months. She reports that Thomas has become more forgetful with recent events, repeats questions, and has trouble remembering appointments. Margaret also mentions that Thomas has had difficulty following conversations and has misplaced items more frequently.

Thomas admits that he is aware of some changes but attributes them to “getting old.” He denies any significant mood changes, vision or hearing loss, or recent illnesses. He does mention occasionally feeling “foggy” in the mornings but states that this clears as the day progresses.