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### NTG Releases Report on Dementia Assessment

A new report has been issued by the NTG and the Lumind IDSC Foundation on the barriers to determining MCI and dementia in adults with neuroatypical conditions, such as acquired brain injury, autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, intellectual disability, serious mental illness, and significant sensory impairments.

An Expert Panel concluded that current federal guidelines for assessing for MCI or dementia do not provide sufficient information to assess such adults. Also found was that such adults often pose challenges for clinicians; that the adults have comprehension and oral communication difficulties, motor task performance impediments, and other difficulties; and that prevalent dementia measures are inadequate.

The Expert Panel recommended broadening federal guidance to include adaptations of assessment practices; expanding training for clinicians about such conditions; and undertaking research to produce more evidence-based information on assessing neuroatypical adults.

The report, *'Examining Adults with Neuroatypical Conditions for MCI/Dementia During Cognitive Impairment Assessments: Report of the Neuroatypical Conditions Expert Consultative Panel'*, can be accessed and downloaded on the NTG's website – <https://www.the-ntg.org/screening-assessment>