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- 1. Your patient, Ms A, is cognitively normal, but is worried about her risk for developing Alzheimer's disease (AD) symptoms. Ms A asks you whether she should have an amyloid PET scan when it becomes available. What is the *most* appropriate response to her regarding this new technology?
 - a. "While this technology appears to be able to detect amyloid plaques in living people, it is not yet indicated to predict a healthy person's risk for developing memory problems."
 - b. "There is no evidence that PET can detect amyloid plaques in living people, so it is unlikely to be of use to you or even those patients who have memory and thinking problems."
 - c. "Yes, this technology can measure amyloid plaques in the brain, and I think you could use it now to determine whether or when you might develop memory and thinking problems."
- 2. You believe Mr B has mild cognitive impairment (MCI) due to AD. According to the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and Alzheimer's Association criteria, which of the following symptoms should be present?
 - a. Concerns about a change in cognitive performance
 - Evidence of an impairment in memory or other cognitive tests compared with people at a similar age and educational level
 - c. Functional performance may be slightly impaired, but not to the extent that it interferes with independent living
 - d. All of the above
- 3. In clinically affected patients, an amyloid PET scan, when available, may be most likely to do which of the following?
 - a. Help exclude the diagnosis of AD
 - Exclude the diagnosis of other causes of memory and thinking problems
 - c. Determine exactly when a cognitively normal person will develop memory problems
 - d. Help the patient have illness insight
- 4. When assessing a patient's cognitive abilities, informal bedside tests may uncover subtle memory problems better than formal tests.
 - a. True
 - b. False



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