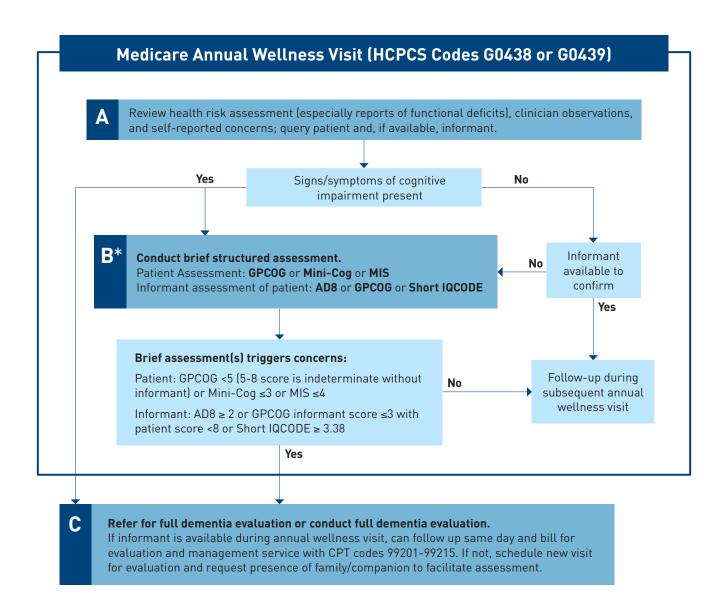
Figure 1. Alzheimer's Association Medicare Annual Wellness Visit Algorithm for Assessment of Cognition



* No one tool is recognized as the best brief assessment to determine whether a full dementia evaluation is needed. Alternate tools (eg, Mini Mental State Exam, Saint Louis University Mental Status Exam, or Montreal Cognitive Assessment) can be used at the discretion of the clinician. Some providers use multiple brief tools prior to referral or initiation of a full dementia evaluation.

AD8 = The Eight-item Informant Interview to Differentiate Aging and Dementia; GPCOG = General Practitioner Assessment of Cognition; MIS = Memory Impairment Screen; Short IQCODE = Short Informant Questionnaire on Cognitive Decline in the Elderly