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An app for the assessment of dementia

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Singapore: ACEmobile is an iPad-based tool that is designed by the physician for the physicians, to support the assessment of dementia. It guides the user through the Addenbrooke's Cognitive Examination (ACE-III), one of the most popular and commonly used paper and pencil screening tools for dementia. The app removes the need to learn the ACE-III manual and it also automatically calculates patients' scores and creates a report to go into their medical records.

It signifies a potential step forward in the world of dementia research since it is being provided to the NHS and research bodies for free and the developers have no intention of generating commercial profit. The response was quite encouraging from the test sample of clinicians who had used ACEmobile in advance. Dr Pinkser, working in a Neuropsychology commented, "We found the app to be extremely self-explanatory and easy to use, and we were very impressed with the reporting format." Dr Nick Cartmell, a GP from Ashburton Surgery commented, "The setup is brilliant. The scoring system is clear and the export options ideal."

The app development group is exploring the option of a charitable community that will safeguard the long-term availability of the app as a freely available resource.

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