What to expect during a neuropsychological evaluation?

To evaluate how an individual’s brain functions, a neuropsychological evaluation will likely include a combination of pencil and paper tests, computer tests, and self-report questionnaires that have been ordered by the neuropsychologist based on the patient’s unique and presenting issues.

Evaluations typically commence with a thorough interview with the neuropsychologist, who may inquire about current functioning, as well as educational, medical, psychological, and family history. Testing may be conducted by the neuropsychologist, or by a well-trained, nationally-certified technician.

The entire evaluation can range from three to eight hours. All patients are strongly encouraged to return for a feedback appointment, at which time the neuropsychologist will review results of the evaluation with the patient and/or family, highlighting the patient’s strengths and weaknesses, and make relevant recommendations.