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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 279 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care (OGEC) in Patient Care Services has primary responsibility for coordination and direction of VHA dementia initiatives. OGEC convened an interdisciplinary Dementia Steering Committee (DSC) in December 2006, with the goal of making recommendations on comprehensive, coordinated care for Veterans with dementia. In 2004, the Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Policy and Planning estimated that the total number of Veterans with dementia would be as high as 563,758 in FY 2010. A cost analysis of data from the VA determined that the average annual cost of care for a patient with dementia was \$19,522 in FY 1999. Broad-based dementia screening programs have not been widely advocated given lack of evidence that earlier detection will improve health outcomes. When implemented, screening programs have been associated with high false positive rates, patient hesitation to undergo diagnostic confirmation, and high cost per case identified. Furthermore, several studies have suggested the public is concerned about the implications of dementia screening. The alternative to systematic screening is a case-finding approach in which clinicians initiate diagnostic assessment of dementia when patients and/or their caregivers describe symptoms or present with signs suggestive of dementia. However, with current case-finding approaches, the diagnosis of dementia is often missed in primary care practice. Improving the accuracy of case-finding techniques depends both on an understanding of signs and symptoms that help distinguish patients with dementia from those without, and the reliability of brief assessment tests that can be incorporated into primary care practice when appropriate. Currently, several organizations have issued statements including signs and symptoms that should prompt a diagnostic evaluation for dementia. However, these...

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