

## Requisition form for conducting Elderly Screening program

Name of the Organization/ Old age home

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Contact Person (with designation): Dr./Mr./Ms./Mrs.....

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Contact No.:.....

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Email:.....

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Fax No.:.....

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Number of older adults to be screened .....

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Reason for your interest:.....

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Brief description about your .....

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Any other information would you like to provide:.....

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Expected schedule for conducting program (Date &Time)

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## Procedure to avail this service

- This program is provided FREE OF COST, on a request basis.
- Use the application provided below or log-in to [http://aiishmysore.in/en/departments\\_pocd.html](http://aiishmysore.in/en/departments_pocd.html) and submit the requisition online to avail the services.

## About AIISH

The All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, was established in the year 1965 to cater to the needs of individuals with communication disorders.



## Some facts

- People over age 60 experience hearing problems.
- 6-12% of elderly experience speech-language or voice disorders (National Institute of Health-2006).
- As a part of Elderly screening program at AIISH, out of 738 older adults screened 508 (68.83%) had communication disorders (Annual Report, 2018-19).



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## Department of Prevention of Communication Disorders

This is an out-reach department launched in the year 2008 at the premises of AIISH, Mysuru, Karnataka. The main aim of the Department is to reach out to individuals even in the most remote areas of the country and to facilitate primary, secondary and tertiary prevention of various communication disorders such as hearing impairment, speech disorders, language disorders etc. through several programs across the country.

This involves creating awareness about communication disorders, as well as early identification and management of individuals with these disorders in all age groups. One such program is the Elderly screening program.

### About Elderly Screening Program

Ensuring early identification of communication disorders in the elderly population, to facilitate early intervention is one of the major activities of the Department of Prevention of Communication Disorders. Older adults above 50 years are screened for the presence of any disorder affecting communication.

### Need for screening the elderly

- As people age, normal physiologic changes occur in their speech, language, hearing, cognition, and swallowing leading to various age related communication disorders which can affect their quality of life.
- Also the chances of having a stroke or developing dementia or Parkinson's disease increase, which could be associated with a communication or swallowing disorder.

## Objective of the program

**Screening:** To screen elderly population for speech, language, hearing, cognition, and swallowing problems.

**Assessment and Rehabilitation:** To identify at-risk individuals by carrying out a detailed assessment and also to provide further management guidelines.

**Sensitization:** To educate the elderly and their care givers on various communication disorders that can occur in elderly population and ways to manage these.

### Screening procedure

**Screening (Step 1):** Screening the elderly for the presence of communication disorders. A battery of sensitive screening tools is used by Audiologists/ Speech-Language Pathologists to detect the elderly with communication disorders.



Speech Language evaluation



Administration of MiniMental State Examination (MMSE) & EAT-10.



Audiological evaluation



Fitting of Hearing Aid

**Detailed assessment & rehabilitation (Step 2):** Those at-risk for communication disorders are evaluated and further rehabilitation is recommended. For individuals with hearing loss, hearing aids or other suitable devices are provided at the door step.

**Sensitization (Step 3):** Orientation on various communication disorders that can occur in the elderly population is carried out and the coping strategies are highlighted.



Orientation Program

### Requirement for elderly screening:

The screening will be carried out at their premises. A silent room with full time power supply will be required. In addition, a seminar hall with a laptop/desktop, projector facility and public address system (microphone & speaker) is also desirable to conduct the orientation.