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**P45. Reliability of the Blessed Telephone
Information-Memory-Concentration Test**

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The objective of our study was to evaluate the reliability of the Blessed Information-Memory-Concentration (IMC) test administered by telephone. In-person cognitive evaluations can be costly and labor intensive in geographically widespread populations. Reliable telephone instruments that screen for cognitive status would greatly facilitate epidemiological and other longitudinal studies. Eighty-four subjects with a range of cognitive abilities were administered the Blessed IMC test twice over a 3-week interval. Forty-nine of the subjects were administered the Blessed IMC test both by telephone and in person. Thirty-five of the subjects were tested twice by telephone. Spearman's rank correlation was used to compare scores of the different administrations and to examine test-retest reliability. Correlation for the Blessed IMC test over the telephone as compared to in person was 0.96 ($p \leq 0.001$). Telephone test-retest reliability was 0.96 ($p \leq 0.001$). The Blessed Telephone Information-Memory-Concentration (TIMC) test exhibits excellent test-retest reliability and provides reliable results when compared to in-person administration. The Blessed TIMC test appears to be a practical screening instrument for population and longitudinal studies.