

## What is the WMS-IV Flexible Approach?

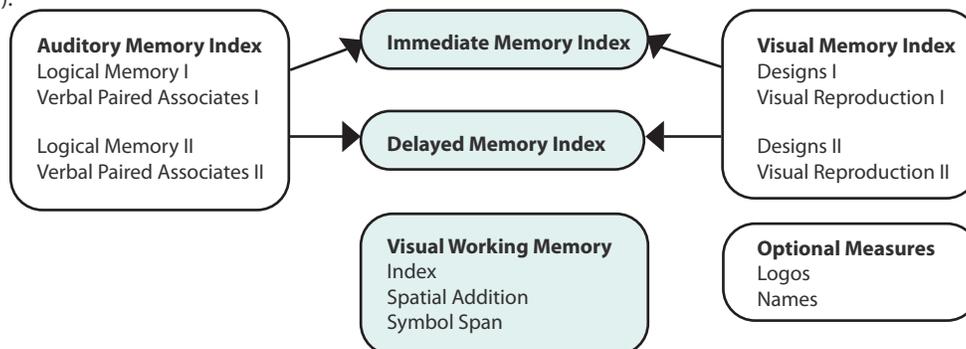
The WMS®-IV Flexible Approach uses core and supplemental memory measures to expand the usability and utility of the Wechsler Memory Scale®, Fourth Edition (WMS-IV; Wechsler, 2009). It enables clinicians to identify memory difficulties by using alternate indexes derived from new subtest configurations. These alternate indexes and supplemental subtests were designed to create shorter or alternate memory assessments for use with the standard WMS-IV kit. The WMS-IV Flexible Approach allows the examiner to complete a survey of memory functions when a comprehensive evaluation of memory functioning is not required or cannot be completed.

## Why was it developed?

The WMS-IV Flexible Approach was developed in recognition of the diverse needs of WMS users and the clients they serve. The WMS-IV Flexible Approach is intended to assist the examiner who wants to tailor the assessment of memory by using a shorter battery or substituting alternate memory measures for primary WMS-IV subtests. A shorter battery may be required due to the inability of a client to tolerate a long testing session, reimbursement issues, or the need to efficiently answer general clinical questions about memory functioning.

## How does it work?

The WMS-IV Flexible Approach offers a number of subtest combinations that yield Immediate, Delayed, Visual, and Auditory Memory Index scores. These subtest combinations consist of primary subtests from the WMS-IV, the WMS-IV primary subtests and Flexible Approach supplemental subtests, or supplemental subtests. The combinations of subtests included in the Flexible Approach reflect the desire to reduce administration time and to address specific clinical situations (e.g., limited motor ability).



## The Standard WMS-IV:

This consists of the 7 primary subtests that comprise the full WMS-IV battery and provide coverage for all the memory indexes.

## The OAA Battery:

The OAA battery was developed in the standard WMS-IV as a shorter battery for use with older adults ages 65 to 90. This battery configuration was made available for examinees ages 16 through 69 in the WMS-IV Flex. The OAA battery uses LM, VR, and Verbal Paired Associates (VPA) to derive Immediate, Delayed, Auditory, and Visual Indexes.

## The LMVR and LMDE Batteries:

Two shorter alternative batteries were developed: LMVR, consisting of Logical Memory (LM) and Visual Reproduction (VR), and LMDE, consisting of Logical Memory and Designs (DE). LM and VR are the most frequently used subtests in the previous editions of the WMS and provide coverage for all the memory indexes. The second configuration of LM and DE retains the content coverage with reduced motor demands.

## The VRLO and LONA Batteries:

The last set of alternate batteries focuses on using supplemental subtests for assessing visual memory, which is a difficult construct to measure. During the development of the WMS-IV, two additional memory subtests were created: Logos (LO) and Names (NA). These two subtests provide optional measures of visual memory with the understanding that auditory memory functioning will also affect performance on these tests.

### **If I already own the WMS-IV, how can I begin using these alternative batteries?**

Incorporating the Flexible Approach into your practice is simple. Users that currently own WMS-IV Scoring or Reporting software just need to run the auto-update utility on their programs to download updated tables that will accommodate the new batteries. With the software update, users will also be able to access an electronic administration and technical manual through their resource library for reference purposes. Non-software users may contact customer service and request a free CD containing an electronic technical manual that they can use to facilitate the Flexible Approach.

Once customers have obtained the Administration and Technical Manual, they just need to determine which batteries they would like to have access to and purchase the corresponding record form package for that battery. Users wishing to administer the new supplemental subtests (Logos and Names) will also need to purchase their associated Stimulus Book.

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### **What if I don't own the WMS-IV?**

If you do not currently own the WMS-IV and would like to adopt it and the Flexible Approach, you would simply need to purchase the standard WMS-IV kit and associated software of your choice and then purchase the WMS-IV Flexible Approach Upgrade kit to add the necessary components to begin using the alternate batteries.

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