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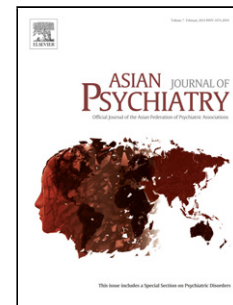
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The World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Action Plan on the Public Health Response to Dementia 2017 - 2025 specifies seven action areas to manage the dementia epidemic. One action area was improving timely diagnosis of dementia, with an ambitious global target of 'in at least 50% of countries, 50% of the estimated number of people with dementia are diagnosed by 2025'.¹

In order to increase dementia diagnosis, a public information campaign is required to encourage assessment for cognitive impairment. Clinicians should have the confidence and tools to assess for dementia, especially in primary care to increase reach of diagnostic services.² Educational programmes can be organised for clinicians and the public. However, there are challenges experienced with identifying suitable cognitive assessment tools locally.

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