

Debate: is mild cognitive impairment (mci) a useful concept? No

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Although the concept of mild cognitive impairment (MCI) is widely accepted, critical examination of this concept shows that it has many weaknesses and flaws that challenge its validity as a meaningful entity. These weakness and flaws are inherent in the central construct of mild cognitive impairment and raise key questions about the clinical utility of mild cognitive impairment for diagnosis, prognosis, and management. The “no” side will argue that whereas mild cognitive impairment may have had value in the past, it represents an entity that has outlived its usefulness and should be abandoned.