Rapid Diagnostic Clinic (RDC)

What is the RDC?

This is a one-time appointment scheduled for you by your doctor to support you with a medical/neurological evaluation or second opinion.

What happens when I am referred to the RDC?

- A recruitment specialist will contact you and get a signed medical release of records.
- Once your medical records are received, they will be reviewed by the covering cognitive neurologist.
- The cognitive neurologist will determine when you will be scheduled based on your medical record review.
- You will be contacted to schedule an appointment by a scheduling team member and sent information on next steps in the appointment process.
- There are limited spots available. We recommend you take available slots, as to not experience a much longer delay in availability in the RDC clinic schedule.
- Should you cancel we will notify your doctor.

My appointment is scheduled, now what?

- You will be asked to register with BWH, if you are not already in the system, prior to the visit. The RDC is covered by your medical insurance.
- You will be asked to fill out some brief paper work.
- You will be provided with directions on where to report for your clinic appointment.
What happens on the day of my visit?

You will be scheduled to see a physician assistant and a cognitive neurologist. They will have a two-hour appointment slot for you and you will receive cognitive testing, as well as medical and neurological evaluations. At the end of this visit these professionals will meet with you to review their findings. They will also let you know if there are any research studies that you are eligible for.

What should my follow-up plan be?

- A report will be sent to your doctor within two weeks of your visit.
- Should additional scans or a further work-up be required this information will be sent to your doctor. Once they receive this additional information they can schedule a follow up time to talk directly with the physician assistant and cognitive neurologist who evaluated you.
- The RDC is a medical consult to support the referring clinician.
- We will not be following up with you outside of the RDC clinic appointment.
- Should you need additional information, you will be asked to follow-up with your doctor.
- Should you want to be seen by the physician assistant or cognitive neurologist in follow up, you will need to schedule an appointment at the Center for Brain Mind Medicine.
- Should you be interested in a research study you will be sent on to the research team for additional information and you will be notified of this plan.

We look forward to meeting you!