

Investigation of suspected dementia⁷

- Blood tests: routine haematology, electrolytes, calcium, glucose, renal function, liver function, thyroid function, vitamin B₁₂ and folate levels
- Mid-stream urine sample, if delirium is suspected
- Chest X-ray and ECG, if clinically indicated
- If there are specific risk factors, consider syphilis serology and an HIV test
- Ideally MRI, or if not available CT, scan of the brain
- SPECT (HMPAO and DaTSCANTM) if diagnosis is not clear