

REALM-SF Score Sheet

Patient ID #: _____

Date: _____

Examiner Initials: _____

Behavior _____

Exercise _____

Menopause _____

Rectal _____

Antibiotics _____

Anemia _____

Jaundice _____

TOTAL SCORE _____

Administering the REALM-SF:

Suggested Introduction:

“Providers often use words that patients don’t understand. We are looking at words providers often use with their patients in order to improve communication between health care providers and patients. Here is a list of medical words.

Starting at the top of the list, please read each word aloud to me. If you don’t recognize a word, you can say ‘pass’ and move on to the next word.”

Interviewer: Give the participant the word list. If the participant takes more than 5 seconds on a words, say “pass” and point to the next word. Hold this scoring sheet so that it is not visible to the participant.