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Preface to Virtual Special Issue: Cognitive impairments in an increasingly digital world

This special issue on the importance of technology and its demands and possibilities to the functioning and assessment of people with schizophrenia. While technology allows for the more rapid and higher throughput assessment of cognition and functioning and has safeguards that eliminate tester variance in participant scores, there are also challenges. These challenges include possible differential validity of in person and remote assessments as well as a reduced history of experience with technology that might be expected in some people with schizophrenia. Technology is only going to advance and the application of technology to improve assessments, interventions, and the lives of people with schizophrenia is a task for all of us who are interested in cognition and related features of Schizophrenia. The current set of papers address both promises and perils of technology and should give the reader even more ideas about important topics for future development.

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