

**Table 2:** The main characteristics of postoperative cognitive disorders.

Type of Postoperative Cognitive Disorders		Diagnostic methods normed in Greece	Clinical Course	Prognosis
<b>Postoperative Delirium</b>	Thinking and perception Fluctuating consciousness	Delirium Scales- Confusion Assessment Method	Acute onset within few days	Reversible if the underlying condition treated
<b>Postoperative Cognitive Dysfunction</b>	Thinking and perception Newly diagnosed postoperatively Subtle, manifold Unaffected consciousness	Pre- and post-operative psychometric testing	Gradual onset within 7 days to 1 year	Prolonged impairment May be reversible in months
<b>Dementia</b>	Major neurocognitive disorder Decline in one or more cognitive domains No other diagnosis better explains the symptoms	Dementia tests- Mini Mental Status Examination	Progressively over years	Poor prognosis No treatment available