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Assessment Tool for Acute Neuro Ward

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Hi

I have been working in neuro-rehab and using the MOHOST. Does anyone have any suggestions for assessment in acute neurology?

Kind Regards,

Briony

February 24, 2009

Hello Briony-

We are finalizing a manuscript that shows that the MOHOST can be used to capture change in clients seen in inpatient rehab- after leaving acute care. The clients in the sample did include clients with neurological conditions (ie., stroke, seizures). The study results indicate that the MOHOST has the sensitivity to detect change from initial to discharge assessment. I know this is a slightly different practice context than yours, but hopefully the findings will be helpful to you.

Another interesting finding was that the unit "individualized" the MOHOST to better suit the specific needs of the inpatient rehab unit. They made slight changes to some of the rating criteria statements (the sentences associated with each F-A-I-R for each item) and also changed one item name to a word more commonly used in America. The underlying concepts remained unchanged. Results indicated that therapists were very consistent in their interpretation of the MOHOST items, and were virtually interchangeable when rating different clients....we believe the minor modifications were the cause of this finding, and supported more reliable use of the MOHOST. Perhaps a similiar approach would be useful to you in your setting.

Best of luck to you-

Jessica Kramer

March 11, 2009

Hi Jessica,

I work in a low secure unit in England and we are about to gather all our completed MOHOSTs together for the last 3 years having completed the screening every 6 months. The average stay of patients is approximately 2 years, so for many we could have up to 4

MOHOSTs. Our intention is to compare the charted changes to other outcome measures used in the hospital and if comparable hopefully the MOHOST will be adopted as another valid outcome measure. Do you have any suggestions in carrying out this exercise or how to compare to other outcome measures?

Terry Brooker

March 13, 2009

Hi Terry

We are doing exactly the same thing in our medium secure service although i suspect that we may be further behind you in relation to data collection. Our intention is to be able to look at the occupational performance and capacity of all our patients and plot an improvement (hopefully) throughout admission. We have added a numerical score to FAIR (F=4, A=3, I=2, R=1) i too would be interested in any suggestions on how to carrying out this exercise or how to compare to other outcome measures.

Thanks

Emma Nicklin