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AMPS Use in Acute/Rehab Hospital Settings

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Hi

I am currently on a secondment to University teaching for 2 days while remaining in clinical practice in a (physical) hospital setting on acute/rehab wards for the over 65s. I have greatly benefited from the opportunity to go back to teach, bringing practical clinical OT experience into teaching but also (and possibly more importantly) being able to take the theory back into practice. As a result I have started to introduce MOHO into the clinical setting (MOHOST and OCAIRS) but I am struggling to get managerial support for AMPS training. One of the sticking points seems to be the lack of local AMPS use in the acute physical setting, particularly with the push for fast turnover and need to avoid delayed discharges. While I have my own views on this and the need for thorough evidence based assessment, does anyone out there use AMPS in this type of setting and, if so, how many OTs are trained in its use? Ditto for physical rehab.

With thanks for your support

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Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Bel,

I have been using the AMPS in the acute care setting for more than 4 years. Our setting includes both inpt rehab and acute care. Initially, we expected to use the assessment more in the rehab setting but now it is used routinely with the acute care population. The majority of the caseload I use it with are adults who have undergone some type of recent neurosurgery, mainly cerebral aneurysm clipping/SAH. Typically the patient is seen for a bedside eval including the AMPS interview in either the intensive care unit or stepdown unit and then the second visit is for the AMPS. The AMPS software provides a very nice report and I find this actually saves time as once you have entered the test scores the report generated for you. Our referral sources will order AMPS by name and insist upon it prior to discharge in cases where the patient's deficits are more subtle. Administering the AMPS using two tasks and including time to enter the scores takes me about one hour.

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