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Use of Volitional Questionnaire with Dementia Patients

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Hello

I'm an occupational therapist working in old age psychiatry. I have been using the volitional questionnaire with lower functioning dementia patients in a challenging behaviour ward. I have been trying to find any research that was done with this client group but have been unable to find anything (most research is with paediatric version of questionnaire). Can anyone point me in the right direction? Please also let me know your views on its use with this client group.

Many thanks

Val Milne

December 2, 2008

Dear Val. The following reference is more of a case study observation and use of the VQ than it is research. "Jacob" is a man diagnosed with dementia among other things, low functioning and in a nursing home. I hope that it is of interest to you. I think that the VQ is a very practical and useful tool with this population. I teach students to use it as well. Even when we are not using the tool - we are always evaluation these clients based upon observation in a variety of settings. The VQ helps us structure our evaluations.
Deb.

Brettschneider, J., Roitman, D.M., Ziv, N. (2008). "Jacob: Rediscovering Volition." In Model of Human Occupation Fourth Edition pp. 337-340.

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Hello Val,

Yes there has been research on this issue. Christine Rabner studied volition in 4 elderly clients with dementia for her doctoral dissertation. She is in the process of preparing the results for publication now. I will copy her to this e-mail, so she is aware of your interest.

Gary Kielhofner