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fMRI, GOSE and RSW Notes The Keys for ABI CAT at 6 Months Post Injury

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OVERVIEW

1. June 1/16 CAT Definition for TBI (Adults)

2. First, need positive findings showing TBI

3. Looking at: fMRI for mild to moderate TBI (adults)

Look at GOSE for Adults, KOSCHI for kids

How to access fMRI testing

Treatment plans specifying the cost of fMRI, the cost of the transportation to and from the facility providing it and the costs of a physician's requisition / referral for same are to be paid by the insurer pursuant to SABS s. 15(g), (h) and 25(1)5. and (4).

“Positive Findings”

“The injury shows positive finding on:”

- CT, MRI, or

“any other medically recognized brain diagnostic technology indicating intracranial pathology that is a result of the accident ...”

= fMRI

Preparing GOSE to determine CAT at 6 months

- Engage RSW, OT, Speech & SW/Psychology to include assessments
- RSW notes critical: consistent (2-3x/wk)
- Reflect cuing & prompting necessary to keep ABI client on task or oriented to goals.

GOSE Criteria

- A.** Vegetative State (VS or VS*), one month or more after the accident,
- B.** **Upper Severe Disability** (Upper SD or Upper SD*) or **Lower Severe Disability** (Lower SD or Lower SD*), six months or more after the accident, or
- C.** **Lower Moderate Disability** (Lower MD or Lower MD*), one year or more after the accident.

WHAT DOES THE ASTERISK * MEAN???

GOSE WILSON 1998 ARTICLE POINTERS & GUIDELINES

1. Interview family & close friends re function and needs
2. If answers to one of the Dependence questions (Q2-Q4) show s/he is no longer fully independent
“THEN THEY ARE SEVERELY DISABLED”
3. Re Q2a: if “they need to be prompted or reminded to do things . . . they are dependent”. Therefore,
SEVERELY DISABLED

GOSE POINTERS & GUIDELINES

Q2b patient is “in the lower category of severe if they cannot be left alone for 8 hours.”

(*) Lower SD*, Upper SD* and Lower MD* are CAT

*= patient was not fully independent before the injury

* Accommodates both thin skulled and crumbling skull applicants as more likely to be found CAT

GOSE QUESTIONS

GOSE Question 2a at 6 months

“Is the **assistance** of another person at home essential every day for some ADLs?”



If Yes, then s/he is CAT

GOSE QUESTIONS

GOSE Question 2a at 6 months

If need **prompting or reminding** (direct or indirect), if person needs **help planning activities**, need help dealing with callers, minor domestic crises, or **not safe to leave alone overnight**, then, GOSE test says they need assistance.

and s/he is CAT

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GOSE QUESTIONS

GOSE Question 2b

Do they need frequent help or someone to be around at home most of the time?

1= No (Upper SD)

2= Yes (Lower SD)

If YES = CAT If NO = CAT

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GOSE, shopping and CAT

GOSE Question 3a at 6 months

“Is s/he able to shop without assistance?”




If NO, then s/he is CAT

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GOSE, shopping and CAT

GOSE Question 3a at 6 months

If need help to plan what to buy, if need help with taking care of money or if may not behave appropriately in public or require assistance



then s/he is CAT

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GOSE, local travel and CAT

GOSE Question 4a at 6 months

“Is s/he able to travel locally without assistance?”



If Not, then s/he is CAT

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GOSE, local travel and CAT

GOSE Question 4a at 6 months

If need help to call, use money, behave appropriately, or direct driver



then s/he is CAT

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GOSE, Work and CAT

GOSE Question 5a and 5b at one year

If can't work



Then CAT

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GOSE, Work and CAT

GOSE Question 5a and 5b at one year

If restricted at work and is not
working at a competitive level



then s/he is CAT

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GOSE, Work and CAT

GOSE Question 5a and 5b at one year

If working in a sheltered
environment

Then s/he is CAT

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GOSE, Work and CAT

GOSE Question 5a and 5b at one year

If working with accommodations and
still requires attendant care

Then s/he is CAT

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GOSE + Social + Leisure Activities

GOSE Question 6b at one year

If unable to participate: rarely,
if ever, take part



then s/he is CAT

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GOSE, Socialization and CAT

GOSE Question 7a and 7b at one year

“Have there been psychological problems
which have resulted in ongoing family
disruption or disruption to friendships?”



then s/he is CAT

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GOSE, Socialization and CAT

GOSE Question 7a and 7b at one year

If constant quick temper, or irritability, or anxiety or insensitivity to others or mood swings or depression or unreasonable/childish behaviour that continues to disrupt relations with family or friends

then s/he is CAT

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THANK YOU

Please feel free to call or email with questions.

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To date, I am 100% satisfied that I made the right choice. David, you did a wonderful job! I can't find the words to describe my level of satisfaction. You could not have done a better job. It is remarkable and I would recommend ANYONE to trust you – and they would NOT regret their decision.

Thank you David from the bottom of my heart.

God bless you and keep up the excellent job you are doing.

Also, your staff have been amazing."

- Yvonne

"Dear David MacDonald and the staff at Thomson Rogers,

It has been a great support to Dave and myself to have You, and the team at Thomson Rogers represent us in Dave's recovery, and the claim for insurance. With his brain injury, he needed so much support and daily therapy. You quickly put a team of great therapists together to meet his needs. Your involvement managed a successful settlement of the benefits he was entitled to. It gave me the time to attend to his needs, without worrying about the legal and financial end of things. This has allowed Dave to come so much further than was ever expected. When you brought him to the Acquired Brain Injury Art show, you brought back his will to draw. You are so aware of the needs of people with brain injury, you were able to put all the right tools for his recovery in place. From unpaid wages to housing, you took care of it all. You were able to prove Dave's needs for re-education. You put us in decent housing after being placed in housing that could not meet my son's needs. You made sure all his needs were met and then some. I could not have managed all the issues that came up throughout my son's recovery without you and the staff and clerks at Thomson Rogers. You are a special team of people.

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- F. Rose – Dave's Mom

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