CPT's Functional Assessment Tests Competency for Speech Therapy

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What is CPT's clinical policy regarding functional assessment tests? When and how often should they be completed? Choose correct answer:

a. At start of care and at discharge to show progress
b. At discharge only
c. Only if needed to assess balance loss
d. At start of care to assess function, on an ongoing basis to monitor progress and assess functional gains and prior to discharge to indicate the final outcome.

Choose 1 correct answer per question. The same answer may be used more than once.

Answer Key:

a. BCAT
b. NOMS
c. Mini Mental
d. Self Assessment Tests
e. SLUMS

_____ Assesses 15 different Functional Communication and Swallowing Abilities over time from Admission to Discharge

_____ Measurements for the test are based on clinical observations from a SLP of a pt's communication &/or swallowing abilities.

_____ While the tool assesses the following cognitive domains: orientation, verbal recall, visual recognition, visual recall, attention, abstraction, language, executive functions, and visuo-spatial processing, the emphasis is on contextual memory, executive functions, and attentional capacity.

_____ Assesses the patient's perception of their ability/disabilities.

_____ This 30 point test bases 10 of the 30 points on orientation and does not require drawing the time on a clock face.

_____ This cognitive test has a scoring guide that distinguishes between educational attainment to better diagnose the differences between normal, mild cognitive impairment and dementia.

_____ Has several tests within the test - including a kitchen picture test and a depression scale.

1. Which functional assessment tests assist the speech therapist in assessing cognitive function. List all that apply from the above list:

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Match the BCAT scores to the rating scale:

_____34 to 43 1. Marked to pervasive deficits in memory and executive functions; behavioral and psychological symptoms are common; requires significant residential support.

_____25 to 33 2. subjective and objective memory deficits. Individuals at lower range more likely to have more significant cognitive deficits. Lower scores more suggestive of residential support needs

_____44 to 50 3. typically requires residential support services and daily monitoring; clear objective evidence of memory and other cognitive declines.

_____ 0 to 24 4. No functional deficit; independent living; may be subjective memory complaints but little to no objective evidence.

True / False Answers:

Functional assessment tests allow therapists to measure ability and communicate deficits, safety concerns, and functional improvements in a standardized manner. True False

Functional assessment tests provide the evidence to back our clinical judgment. True False

Functional assessment tests uncover deficits our evaluations may not have addressed. True False

Functional assessment test scores & findings further support the need for skilled interventions True False

Write down any other functional assessment tests you have utilized and why: