

# Traumatic Brain Injury Recovery in Older Patient Populations at URMC

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# Suggested Resource

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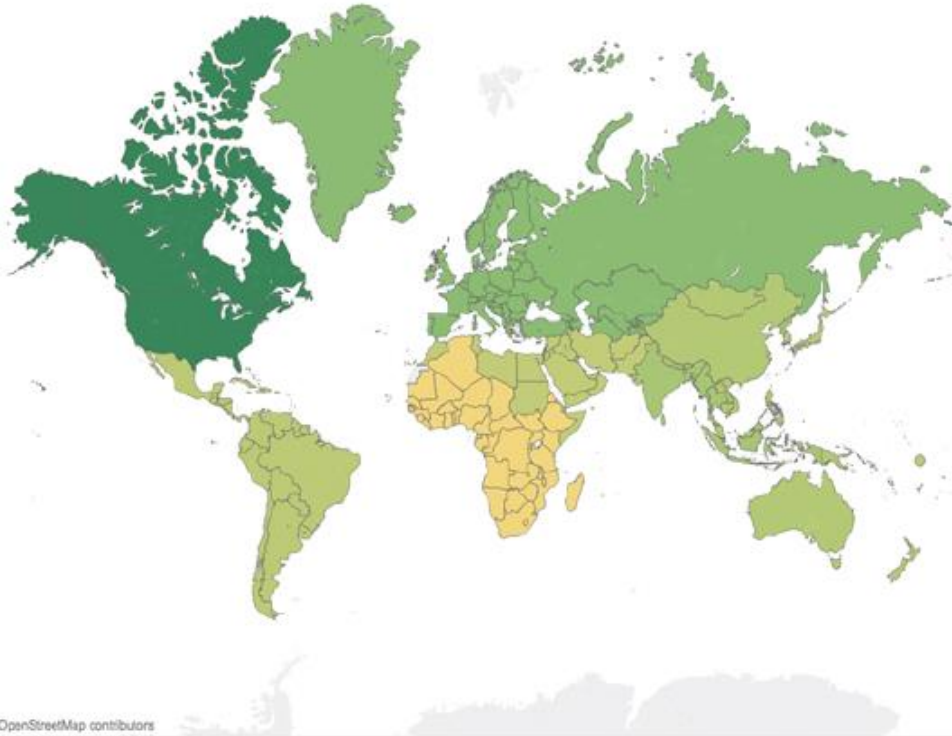
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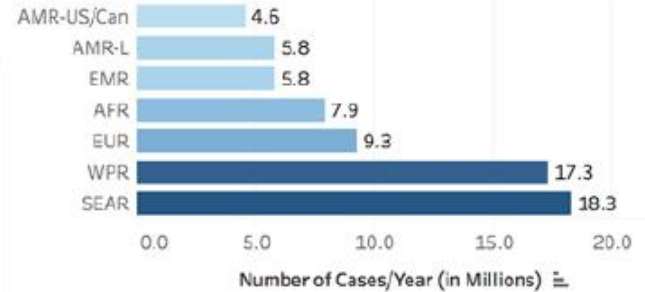
## Incidence of Traumatic Brain Injury by WHO Region



Annual Incidence (per 100,000 people)



## Worldwide TBI Burden



## Incidence of TBI from Road Traffic Collisions



Annual Incidence (per 100,000 people)



# Outline

Disorders of Consciousness

Agitation Management (behavioral and pharmacological)

Neuro-Stimulant Medication Use

Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation at URMC

New brain injury rehabilitation unit 6-1200

# What is Consciousness?



**How do you  
know it's  
there?**

**CONSCIOUSNESS =**  
**AROUSAL**  
**+**  
**AWARENESS**

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# Coma: “Unarousable Unresponsiveness”

Hallmarks:

- Absence of spontaneous eye opening
- Absence of sleep-wake cycles

Spontaneous or stimulus-induced eye opening often reemerges, which marks the transition to...

# ~~Vegetative State (VS),~~ “Unresponsive Wakefulness Syndrome”

Three criteria

1. No evidence of sustained, reproducible, purposeful, or voluntary behavioral responses to visual, auditory, tactile, or noxious stimuli
2. No evidence of language comprehension or expression
3. Intermittent wakefulness manifested by presence of sleep/wake cycles (i.e., period eye opening)

Usually return to spontaneous or elicited movement, but it is always nonpurposeful/reflexive, generally don't visually track

- Includes vocalizations/facial expression

A note about “Permanent/Persistent”—**CHRONIC**



# Minimally Conscious State “Minimally Responsive State”

Clear and reproducible evidence of:

1. Tracking (-)
2. Simple command following (+)
3. Yes/No responses (gestural or verbal) (+)
4. Intelligible verbalization (+)
5. Movements or affect that occur contingent to stimuli, not reflex
  - Laughing at a joke
  - Reaching for a call light
  - Visual tracking/fixation to salient stimuli

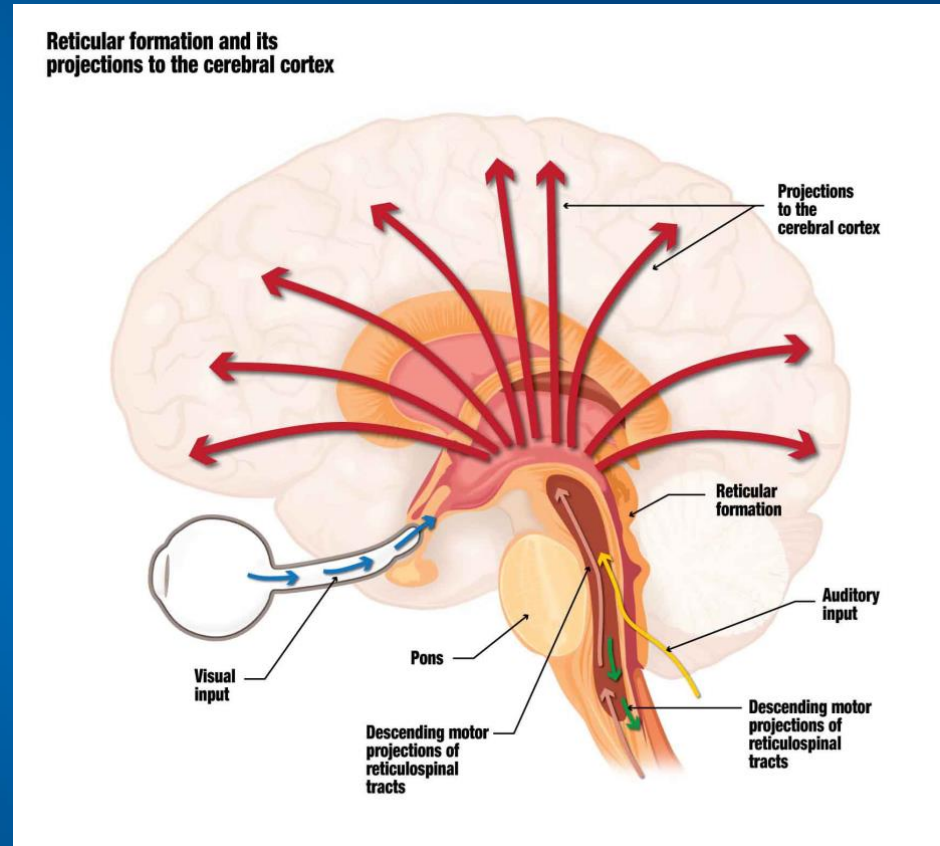
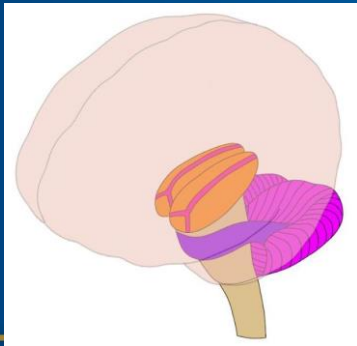
“Emerged from the minimally conscious state”

- Communication is consistent
- Purposeful use of at least 2 objects

# Disorders of consciousness are due to failure of the arousal system

## Reticular Formation:

- Diffuse group on neurons within medulla and pons
- Project up to thalamus/hypothalamus/cortex, and down to spinal cord
- General awareness of movement/sensory info and arousal
- Regulation of breathing and HR



# Potential Problems in the standard hospital setting

1. Attributing purposeful intent for responses that are reflexive or generalized to any form of stimulation
2. Inadequate evaluation to detect conscious behavior
  1. i.e. insufficient sampling time, **inadequate arousal**, inappropriate choice of stimuli
  2. Over/under consideration of family or other's observations of purposeful behavior
  3. Video record everything!!

# High Incidence of diagnostic error

In the standard hospital setting, we're often wrong:

37% Childs et al. Neurology 1993

43% Andrews et al. BMJ 1996

**41% BMC Neurology**

41%



**UWS or MCS?**  
**Conscious or Unconscious?**

# What's NOT a DOC?

Locked-in Syndrome

Posttraumatic Confusional State

- Posttraumatic Amnesia (PTA)

Brain death



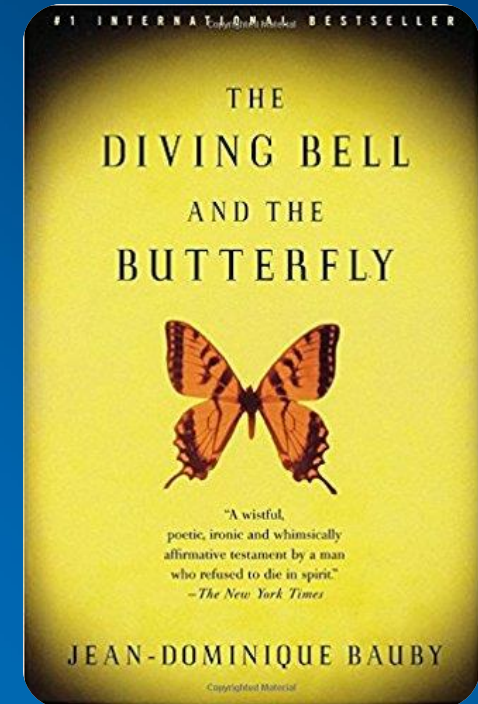
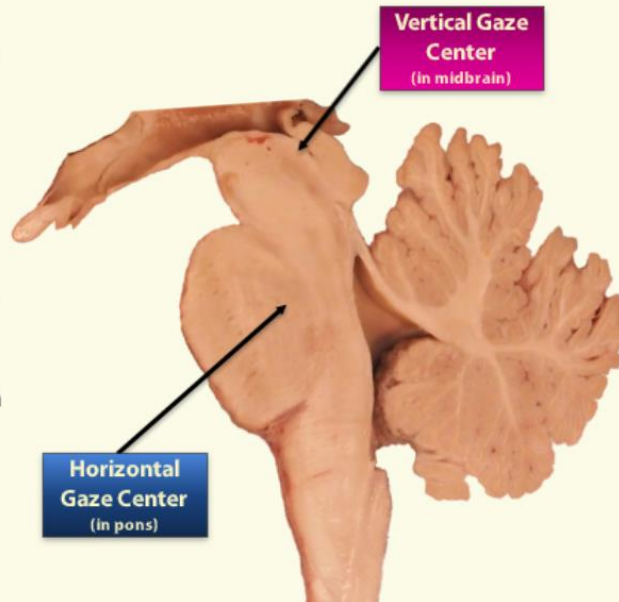
## GAZE CENTERS IN PONS AND MIDBRAIN

### Horizontal and Vertical Gaze

Gaze can occur in a horizontal plane (look left or right) or in a vertical plane (look up or down).

Coordinated horizontal and vertical movement of both eyes is facilitated by gaze centers in the brainstem:

- The **vertical gaze center** is located in the *midbrain*, specifically the midbrain reticular formation and pretectal area.
- The **horizontal gaze center** is located in the *pons*, specifically in the paramedian pontine reticular formation (PPRF).



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# 2018 AAN-ACRM-NIDILRR Practice Guideline: Disorders of Consciousness

## Recommendation 2a

- Clinicians should ***use standardized neurobehavioral assessment measures*** that have been shown to be valid and reliable (such as those recommended by the ACRM) to improve diagnostic accuracy for the purpose intended (**Level B** based on importance of outcomes and feasibility).

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# Coma Recovery Scale- Revised

JFK COMA RECOVERY SCALE - REVISED ©2004																	
Record Form																	
This form should only be used in association with the "CRS-R ADMINISTRATION AND SCORING GUIDELINES" which provide instructions for standardized administration of the scale.																	
Patient:		Diagnosis:					Etiology:										
Date of Onset:		Date of Admission:															
Date																	
Week		ADM	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>AUDITORY FUNCTION SCALE</b>																	
4 - Consistent Movement to Command *																	
3 - Reproducible Movement to Command *																	
2 - Localization to Sound																	
1 - Auditory Startle																	
0 - None																	
<b>VISUAL FUNCTION SCALE</b>																	
5 - Object Recognition *																	
4 - Object Localization: Reaching *																	
3 - Visual Pursuit *																	
2 - Fixation *																	
1 - Visual Startle																	
0 - None																	
<b>MOTOR FUNCTION SCALE</b>																	
6 - Functional Object Use †																	
5 - Automatic Motor Response *																	
4 - Object Manipulation *																	
3 - Localization to Noxious Stimulation *																	
2 - Flexion Withdrawal																	
1 - Abnormal Posturing																	
0 - None/Flaccid																	
<b>OROMOTOR/VERBAL FUNCTION SCALE</b>																	
3 - Intelligible Verbalization *																	
2 - Vocalization/Oral Movement																	
1 - Oral Reflexive Movement																	
0 - None																	
<b>COMMUNICATION SCALE</b>																	
2 - Functional: Accurate †																	
1 - Non-Functional: Intentional *																	
0 - None																	
<b>AROUSAL SCALE</b>																	
3 - Attention																	
2 - Eye Opening w/o Stimulation																	
1 - Eye Opening with Stimulation																	
0 - Unarousable																	
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>																	

Denotes emergence from MCS<sup>†</sup>  
Denotes MCS \*

(Giacino, Kalmar, Whyte, Arch Phys Med Rehabil, 2004)

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Coma Recovery Scale—Revised: Evidentiary Support for Hierarchical Grading of Level of Consciousness

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**Abstract**  
**Objective:** To investigate the neurobehavioral Recovery Scale—Revised (CRS-R).  
**Design:** Retrospective item response theory (IRT) analysis of patient rehabilitation facilities.  
**Participants:** Rehabilitation inpatients (N=100) randomized, controlled drug trial.  
**Interventions:** Not applicable.  
**Main Outcome Measures:** Scores on CRS-R subscales were mutually independent based on constrained confirmatory factor analysis model estimate a 1-parameter IRT model.  
**Conclusions:** This study provides evidence of suggesting that it is an effective tool for establishing hierarchical grading of level of consciousness. © 2014 by the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine

The measurement of level of consciousness is an aspect of diagnostic and prognostic assessment of disorders of consciousness (DOC). Estimates population consistently fall within the 30 Diagnostic error may result from biases of corine, patient, and environment.<sup>1</sup> Examiner range of behaviors sampled is too narrow, or are over- or underinclusive, criteria for it responses are poorly defined or not adhered to, conducted too infrequently to capture the fluctuation. The second source of variance

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## Can We Scientifically and Reliably Measure the Level of Consciousness in Vegetative and Minimally Conscious States? Rasch Analysis of the Coma Recovery Scale-Revised

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**Abstract**  
**Objectives:** (1) To appraise, by the means of Rasch analysis, the internal validity and reliability of the Coma Recovery Scale-Revised (CRS-R) in a sample of patients with disorder of consciousness (DOC); and (2) to provide information about the comparability of CRS-R scores across persons with DOC across different settings and groups, including different etiologies.  
**Design:** Multicenter observational prospective study.  
**Setting:** Two rehabilitation wards, 1 intermediate care facility, and 2 nursing homes in Italy.  
**Participants:** Consecutively admitted patients (N = 129) for which assessments at 2 different time points were available, giving a total sample of 258 observations.  
**Interventions:** Not applicable.  
**Main Outcome Measure:** CRS-R.  
**Results:** After controlling for any possible dependency between persons' measures collected at different time points, and for uniform differential item functioning by etiology showed by the visual subscale, Rasch analysis demonstrated adequate satisfaction of all the model's requirements, including adequate ordering of scoring categories, unidimensionality, local independence, invariance ( $\chi^2 = 27.798$ ,  $P = .146$ ), and absence of differential item functioning across patients' sex, age, time, and setting. The reliability (person separation index = .866) was adequate for individual person measurement. We devised a practical raw score to measure conversion tables based on the CRS-R calibrations.  
**Conclusions:** The CRS-R is a psychometrically sound and robust measurement tool. The linear measures of ability derived from the CRS-R total scores do satisfy all the principles of scientific measurement and are sufficiently reliable for high stakes assessments, such as the diagnosis of the level of consciousness in individual patients. Future studies are needed to directly explore the capabilities of the CRS-R measures to reduce the risk of vegetative state misdiagnosis.  
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The Coma Recovery Scale-Revised (CRS-R) was proposed by Giacino et al<sup>1</sup> as a bedside standardized neurobehavioral assessment tool incorporating the current diagnostic criteria for vegetative state (VS), minimally conscious state (MCS), and emergence from the MCS.<sup>2</sup> It consists of 29 hierarchically organized items grouped into 6 subscales addressing auditory, visual, motor, oromotor/verbal,

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# AAN-ACRM-NIDILRR PRACTICE GUIDELINE: DISORDERS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

## Recommendation Statement 2c

- Clinicians should ***attempt to increase arousal*** before performing evaluations to assess level of consciousness anytime diminished arousal is observed or suspected (**Level B** based on importance of outcomes).

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# Conduct serial examinations

TABLE 1. Misdiagnosis Rates of Patients After *n* CRS-R Assessments as Compared to the Reference Diagnosis

No. of CRS-R Assessments Used for Comparison With Reference Diagnosis	Misdiagnosis (reference diagnosis based on six CRS-R assessments, <i>n</i> = 123)	Effect Size ( $r = Z/\sqrt{2n}$ )	Misdiagnosis (reference diagnosis based on seven CRS-R assessments, <i>n</i> = 58)	Effect Size ( $r = Z/\sqrt{2n}$ )
One assessment	44 (36%) <i>Z</i> = 5.78***	0.37	28 (48%) <i>Z</i> = 4.62***	0.43
Two assessments	30 (24%) <i>Z</i> = 4.78***	0.30	20 (34%) <i>Z</i> = 3.92***	0.36
Three assessments	21 (17%) <i>Z</i> = 4.01***	0.26	15 (26%) <i>Z</i> = 3.41**	0.32
Four assessments	11 (9%) <i>Z</i> = 2.93*	0.19	10 (17%) <i>Z</i> = 2.80*	0.26
Five assessments	6 (5%) <i>Z</i> = 2.2; n.s.	0.14	6 (10%) <i>Z</i> = 2.2; n.s.	0.10
Six assessments	N/A	N/A	2 (3%) <i>Z</i> = 1.34; n.s.	0.03

\*\*\*Corrected *p* < 0.0005; \*\*corrected *p* < 0.005; \*corrected *p* < 0.05; n.s. = not significant.

CRS-R = Coma Recovery Scale-Revised; N/A = not applicable.

## Recovery of Consciousness and Functional Outcome in Moderate and Severe Traumatic Brain Injury

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17,470 patients with TBI analyzed in this study.

- 7547 (57%) experienced initial loss of consciousness,
  - which persisted to rehabilitation in 2058 patients (12%).
  - 82% percent (n = 1674) of comatose patients recovered consciousness during inpatient rehabilitation.
  - 40% became partially or fully independent.

10 years

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# Prognostic Factors for Recovery from Moderate-Severe TBI

## Positives

Eyes open within 72 hours

Age < 65 y/o (or < 55 y/o)

Severe Disability is Unlikely If:

Post-Traumatic Amnesia < 2 months

Can follow commands within 2 weeks

## Negatives

Other significant medical comorbidities

Bilateral brainstem injuries

Good Recovery is Unlikely If:

Post-Traumatic Amnesia > 3 months

Unable to follow commands within 4 weeks

TBI Model Systems (<https://msktc.org/TBI>)

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# Functional Reserve



# Cognitive Problems: Delirium, Dementia, or Post-traumatic Amnesia?

Delirium: acute, transient, disturbed state of mind or consciousness

Can be associated with toxic/metabolic causes or environmental causes

Dementia: progressive or persistent loss of intellectual functioning, especially with impairments of memory and abstract thinking, and often with personality changes, resulting from organic disease of the brain

Post-traumatic amnesia (post-traumatic confusional state): transient state of confusion, disorientation, and memory loss that occurs immediately following a TBI

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# Rancho Los Amigos Level of Cognitive Functioning Scale

- I. No Response (Comatose)
- II. Generalized Response (Vegetative State)
- III. Localized Response (Minimally Conscious State)
- IV. Confused, Agitated Response
- V. Confused, Inappropriate, Nonagitated Response
- VI. Confused, Appropriate Response
- VII. Automatic, Appropriate Response
- VIII. Purposeful, Appropriate Response

# ANGER, AGGRESSION, AND AGITATION

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Chinese water torture?

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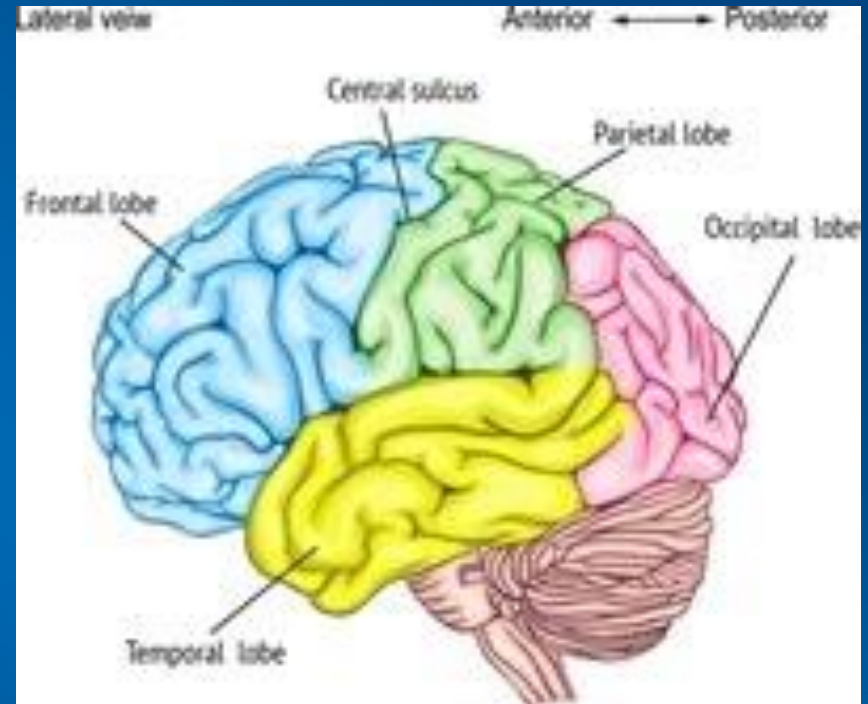


# Changes in Emotion after TBI

Attention and  
Concentration deficit

Memory problems due  
to organic brain  
damage

Executive function  
deficit



When Agitation Occurs, what is  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Thing to Do?

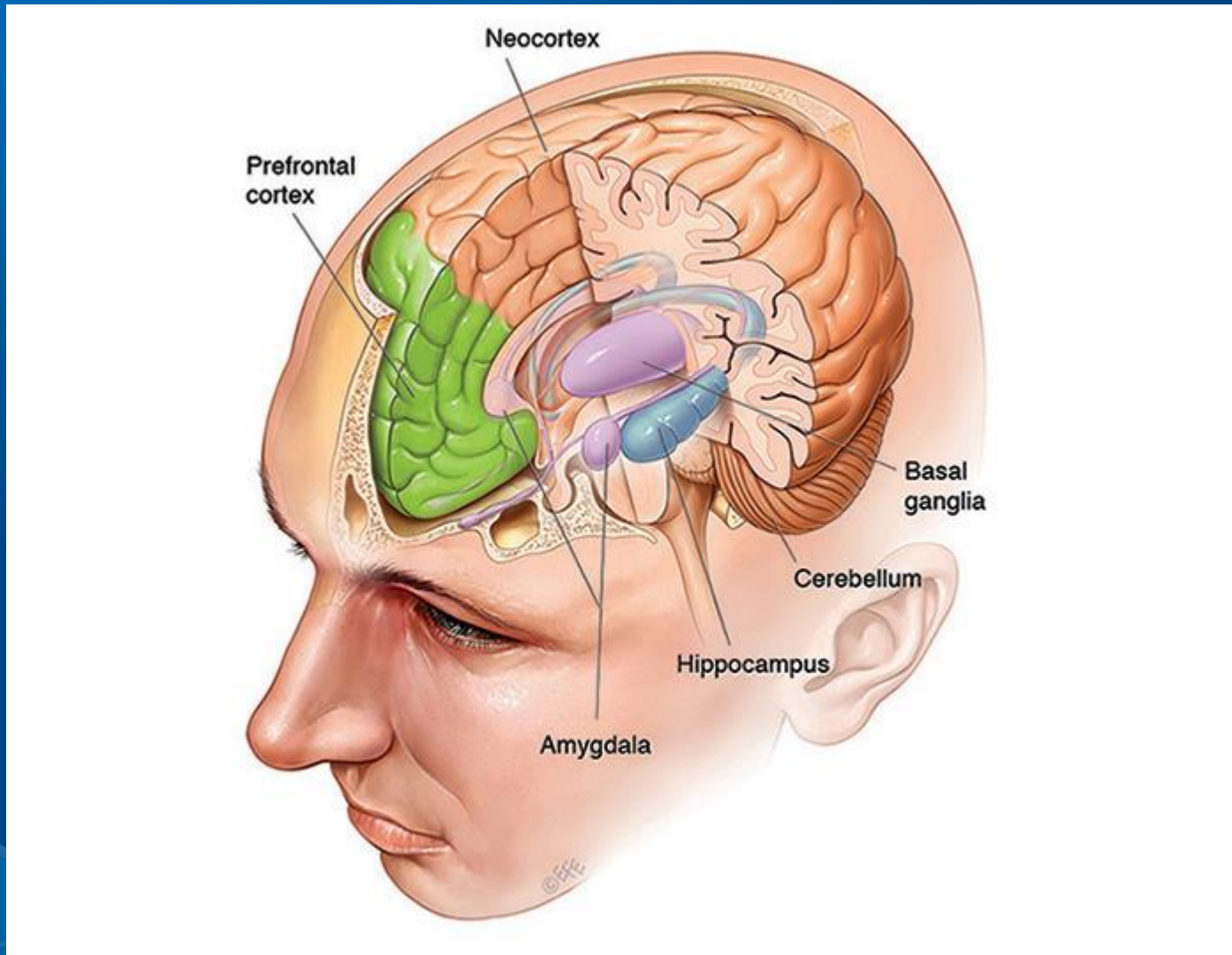
Determine the CAUSE.



True or False: Patients who are still in PTA will not remember anything.

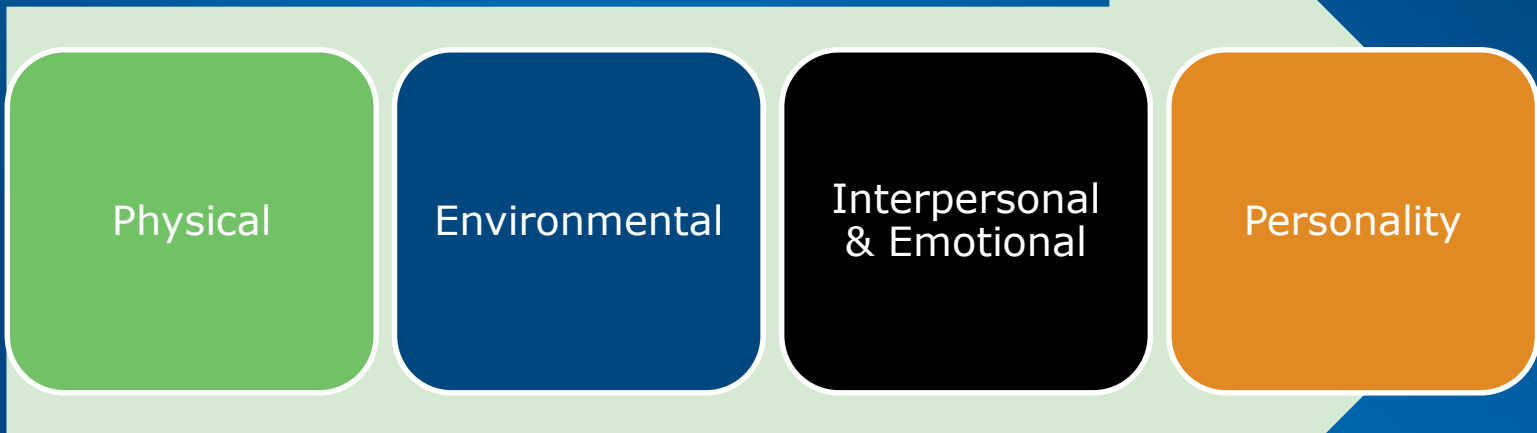


**False! Emotions!!!**



# “The patient needs a behavior plan!”

## Contributors to Agitated Behavior



# Behavioral Interventions are Hard!



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# But Behavioral Interventions Often Lead to Better Outcomes



# Characterizing agitation

## Confused / Reactive

Impulsive,  
impatient

Short attention,  
easily distractible

Rocking, rubbing,  
self-stimulating

Pulling at tubes,  
restraints, etc.

## Angry / Aggressive

Uncooperative,  
demanding

Violent,  
threatening

Self-abusiveness

Explosive  
outbursts

## Emotional / Arousal

Fearful, panicky

Autonomic  
activation

Jittery, hyper-  
vigilant

Emotionally labile

# Common Causes of Agitation

24-hour sleep/wake cycle disruption

Constipation

Urinary Retention

Irritating tubes/lines

Feeling hot

Un-met expectations

Care transitions

Too many visitors / too much external stimulation



# The Importance of Sleep: ACGME Duty Hours Addressed Concerns of Resident Exhaustion

“What is the difference between a physician who is intoxicated and one who has not slept in 24 hours? The answer: not much.

In a landmark study, Williamson and Feyer (2000) compared volunteers who were sleep deprived and those who were intoxicated. They found that a person who has stayed awake for 24 hours functions with the same diminished cognitive skill of someone with a blood alcohol level of 0.10. This study — and many others — reveal the dangers of sleep deprivation and prolonged duty hours.”

<https://knowledgeplus.nejm.org/blog/acgme-duty-hours-not-the-only-big-change-in-requirements/> 33

# Common Causes of Agitation

24-hour sleep/wake cycle disorder

Constipation

Urinary Retention

Question: What are common side effects from immobility, neurologic injury, and/or opioid medications?

Urinary retention and constipation



# Objective Measurement: Agitated Behavior Scale

## AGITATED BEHAVIOR SCALE

Patient \_\_\_\_\_ Period of Observation:  
a.m.  
Observ. Environ. \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
a.m.  
Rater/Disc. \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

At the end of the observation period indicate whether the behavior described in each item was present and, if so, to what degree: slight, moderate or extreme. Use the following numerical values and criteria for your ratings.

- 1 = absent: the behavior is not present.
- 2 = present to a slight degree: the behavior is present but does not prevent the conduct of other, contextually appropriate behavior. (The individual may redirect spontaneously, or the continuation of the agitated behavior does not disrupt appropriate behavior.)
- 3 = present to a moderate degree: the individual needs to be redirected from an agitated to an appropriate behavior, but benefits from such cueing.
- 4 = present to an extreme degree: the individual is not able to engage in appropriate behavior due to the interference of the agitated behavior, even when external cueing or redirection is provided.

DO NOT LEAVE BLANKS.

- \_\_\_\_ 1. Short attention span, easy distractibility, inability to concentrate.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. Impulsive, impatient, low tolerance for pain or frustration.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. Uncooperative, resistant to care, demanding.
- \_\_\_\_ 4. Violent and or threatening violence toward people or property.
- \_\_\_\_ 5. Explosive and/or unpredictable anger.
- \_\_\_\_ 6. Rocking, rubbing, moaning or other self-stimulating behavior.
- \_\_\_\_ 7. Pulling at tubes, restraints, etc.
- \_\_\_\_ 8. Wandering from treatment areas.
- \_\_\_\_ 9. Restlessness, pacing, excessive movement.
- \_\_\_\_ 10. Repetitive behaviors, motor and/or verbal.
- \_\_\_\_ 11. Rapid, loud or excessive talking.
- \_\_\_\_ 12. Sudden changes of mood.
- \_\_\_\_ 13. Easily initiated or excessive crying and/or laughter.
- \_\_\_\_ 14. Self-abusiveness, physical and/or verbal.

\_\_\_\_ Total Score

Score	Interpretation
<21	WNL
22-28	Mild
29-35	Moderate
>35	Severe

# Tracking ABS Data

Lowest scores were while patients are in therapies (8am - 3:30pm)

- Does well with structured tasks

Highest scores were in the 3-5pm window

- Patient insistent on leaving unit, “arguing”
  - I worked a 3-11 shift last night.
  - I need to pickup my paycheck.
  - I’m done for today.

# Self-Preparation

Posture: Hands visible, knees bent slightly, stand to side

Attitude: Calm, Relaxed

- “I can help”

Eye contact: Not excessive

Tone of voice: Calm, genuine.

- Like a Kindergarten teacher!

Touch: Don't touch the patient unless you have a strong rapport in that moment/permission

- Offer a handshake with an introduction and smile

## Let go of your own agenda!!

# Redirection / Distraction Techniques

Change topic of conversation abruptly

Explore alternative (low stimulating) activities

- Wheel/walk with the person around the room or in the hallways
- Offer food
- Offer recreational activity

Offer incentive to correct problem

- e.g., "Let's head to the kitchen (or cafeteria) and get a snack."

Recruit the help of your colleagues nearby

- "Have you met Dr. X yet?"

# When to Intervene

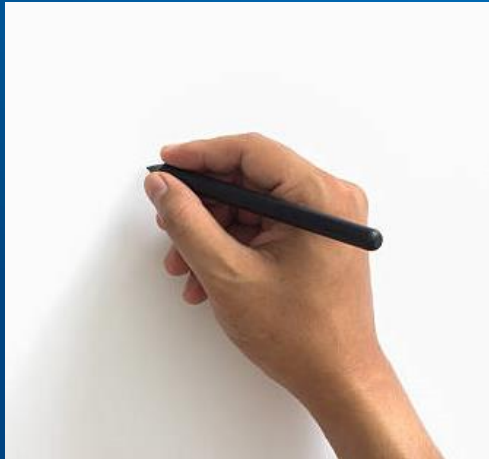
What is the patient doing?

- Is the patient's behavior **unsafe** towards themselves or others?
- OR
- Is the patient's behavior **unusual** for the setting?

# Safety!

# *NOT Like the Movies*

## Emergence from Disorder of Consciousness



## Emergence from Post Traumatic Amnesia





# Medications for Agitation

If treating the underlying cause doesn't work:

1. Trazodone, quetiapine, mirtazapine, hydroxyzine
2. Olanzapine >>> haloperidol
3. ~~Diazepam~~

To prevent agitation from occurring:

1. Propranolol
2. Divalproex (valproic acid)
3. Lamotrigine

# Neuro-Stimulants, Will They Help?

Maybe

Depends on the **reason** for the agitation

Sometimes, stimulating medications exacerbate the  
situation

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# Neurostimulants, When to Consider

- Arousal
- Awareness
- Concentration/Attention
- Memory
- Impulsivity

## Clinically...

### 1. Address sleep

Wean all daytime sedating medications as tolerated.

“Wean opioids and benzos first.”

Minimize nighttime interruptions.

2. Are there cognitive deficits, and are they interfering with function? i.e. therapy participation



# Neurostimulants in Brain Injury Rehabilitation

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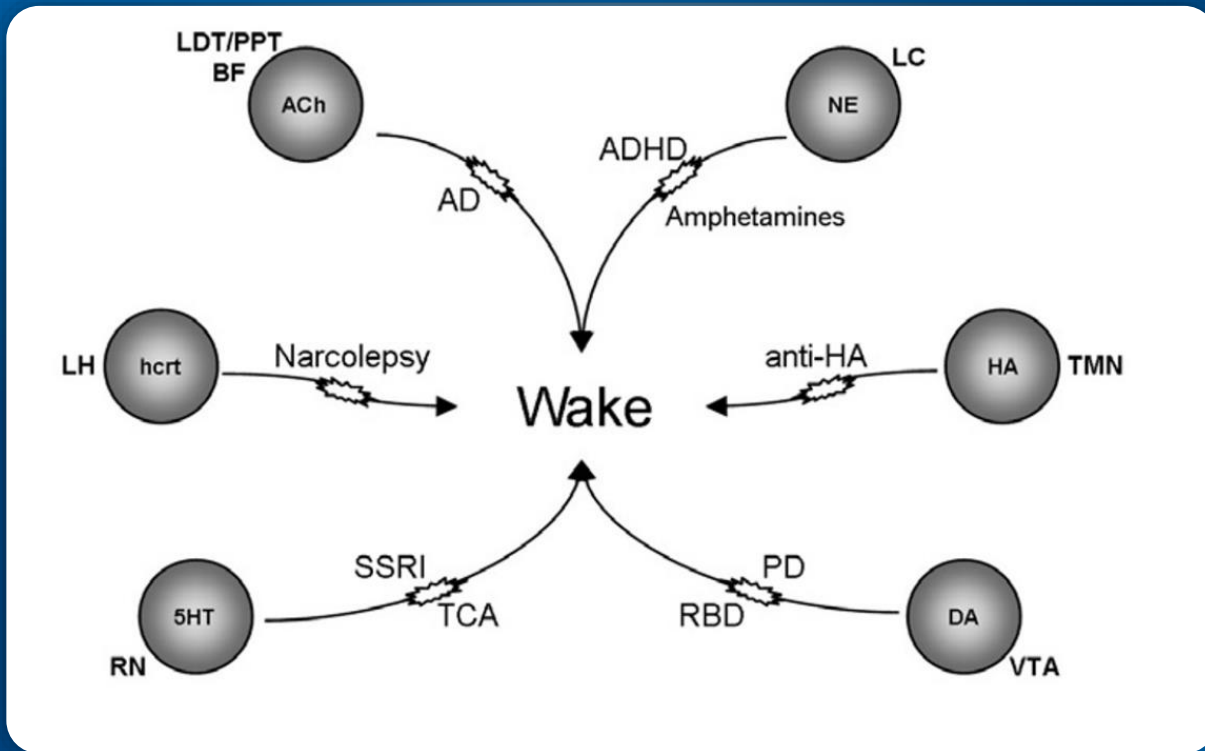
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Placebo-Controlled Trial of Amantadine for Severe Traumatic Brain Injury

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Annette Nordenbo, M.D., Paul Novak, O.T.R., Walt Mercer, Ph.D.,  
Petra Maurer-Karattup, Dr.Rer.Nat., and Mark Sherer, Ph.D.

2012: N = 184, 11 clinical sites

# Neurotransmitters Involved in Wakefulness



Norepinephrine (NE)

Histamine (HA)

Dopamine (DA)

Serotonin (5HT)

Hypocretin (hcrt)

Acetylcholine (ACh)

JM Zeitzer. "Control of Sleep and Wakefulness in Health and Disease" 2013  
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# Amantadine Did Not Positively Impact Cognition in *Chronic* Traumatic Brain Injury

N = 119

Outcome measure	Day	Raw scores			Change from baseline	Linear model <sup>a</sup>		
		Placebo	Treatment	Difference		Model-adjusted change	Sig.	95% CI
Rey (T)	0	34.5	37.7	3.16				
	28	41.7	41.1	-0.58	-3.74	-3.62	0.045	(-7.16, -0.08)
	60	43.5	46.9	3.45	0.29	-0.46	0.801	(-4.05, 3.13)
Short Delay Free (Z)	0	-1.43	-1.32	0.11				
	28	-0.94	-1.01	-0.07	-0.18	-0.21	0.231	(-0.55, 0.13)
	60	-0.77	-0.6	0.17	0.17	0.220	0.720	(-0.41, 0.29)
Short Delay Cued (Z)	0	-1.43	-1.3	0.13				
	28	-1.01	-1.01	0	0	0.154	0.482	(-0.58, 0.09)
	60	-1.01	-1.01	0	0	0.154	0.482	(-0.58, 0.09)
Overall Composite (GCI)	0	52.7	52.7	0				
	28	52.7	52.7	0	-1.39	-1.39	0.002	(-6.76, -0.02)
	60	52.7	52.7	0	-1.39	-1.39	0.195	(-6.59, 1.35)
Learning/ Memory Index (LMI)	0	40.0	40.0	0				
	28	40.0	40.0	0	-1.79	-1.79	0.001	(-6.59, 1.35)
	60	40.0	40.0	0	-1.79	-1.79	0.001	(-6.59, 1.35)
PSI	0	83.0	83.0	0				
	28	83.6	85.9	2.34	-2.19	-2.19	0.001	(-4.27, -0.11)
	60	84.5	88.8	4.36	-0.17	0.14	0.522	(-3.71, 3.22)
Trail A (T)	0	36.4	39.8	3.46				
	28	40.3	42.0	1.69	-1.78	-0.85	0.625	(-4.25, 2.56)
	60	41.9	45.0	3.14	-0.32	-0.25	0.888	(-3.71, 3.22)
Trail B (T)	0	37.6	39.5	1.93				
	28	41.4	41.0	-0.35	-2.28	-1.20	0.522	(-4.91, 2.50)
	60	40.1	42.5	2.34	0.41	0.37	0.846	(-3.38, 4.13)
COWAT	0	37.6	36.3	-1.36				
	28	38.8	38.5	-0.26	1.10	1.34	0.251	(-0.95, 3.63)
	60	39.5	39.9	0.42	1.79	2.12	0.074	(-0.21, 4.45)
Overall Composite (GCI)	0	47.3	52.7	5.37				
	28	50.6	49.2	-1.39	-6.76	-6.24	0.002	(-10.14, -2.34)
	60	48.3	51.9	3.58	-1.79	-2.62	0.195	(-6.59, 1.35)
Learning/ Memory Index (LMI)	0	46.7	53.4	6.69				
	28	51.5	48.3	-3.20	-9.90	-10.16	0.001	(-16.32, -4.00)
	60	48.4	51.9	3.49	-3.20	-5.37	0.093	(-11.63, 0.90)
Attention/ Processing Speed Index (APSI)	0	48.0	52.0	4.04				
	28	49.6	50.2	0.57	-3.46	-2.11	0.250	(-5.71, 1.49)
	60	48.2	51.9	3.67	-0.36	0.26	0.889	(-3.41, 3.93)

**We Still Don't Know**

Hammond FL et al. J of Neurotrauma 2018

# Neurostimulants – Side Effects

Do not take after 2pm.

Do not give amantadine if the patient has renal insufficiency.

Methylphenidate (Ritalin) has been shown to only increase HR by 7-10 bpm on average (Alban JP et al. 2004, Willmott C et al. 2009), but can lower seizure threshold.



**Table 2. Adverse Events, According to Treatment Group.\***

Adverse Event	Amantadine (N=87)	Placebo (N=97)
	<i>number (percent)</i>	
Seizure	2 (2)	4 (4)
Changes on electroencephalography	1 (1)	0
Nausea	1 (1)	1 (1)
Vomiting	10 (11)	8 (8)
Constipation	2 (2)	3 (3)
Diarrhea	5 (6)	5 (5)
Other gastrointestinal event	4 (5)	11 (11)
Elevated liver-function tests†	3 (3)	3 (3)
Restlessness	7 (8)	9 (9)
Agitation	12 (14)	11 (11)
Insomnia	12 (14)	14 (14)
Involuntary muscle contractions	2 (2)	0
Hypertonia or spasticity	18 (21)	14 (14)
Other motor problems	1 (1)	1 (1)
Rash	5 (6)	6 (6)
Congestive heart failure	0	1 (1)



# Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation at URMC



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# Appropriate Patients for Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation

1. Have medical complexity that requires daily physician oversight.
2. Have functional needs in at least 2 skilled therapy domains (PT, OT, and SLP).
3. Can tolerate, actively participate, and benefit from being in at least 3 hours of 1:1 therapy 6 days per week (can be broken into pieces).

# 5-1200 and 6-1200 are both part of Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation

Patients must be conscious to qualify.

5-1200: Spinal Cord Injury service line, Medically Complex service line

6-1200: Brain Injury service line

# Rationale – Community Need Analysis relative to NYS

NYS (19.4M population):

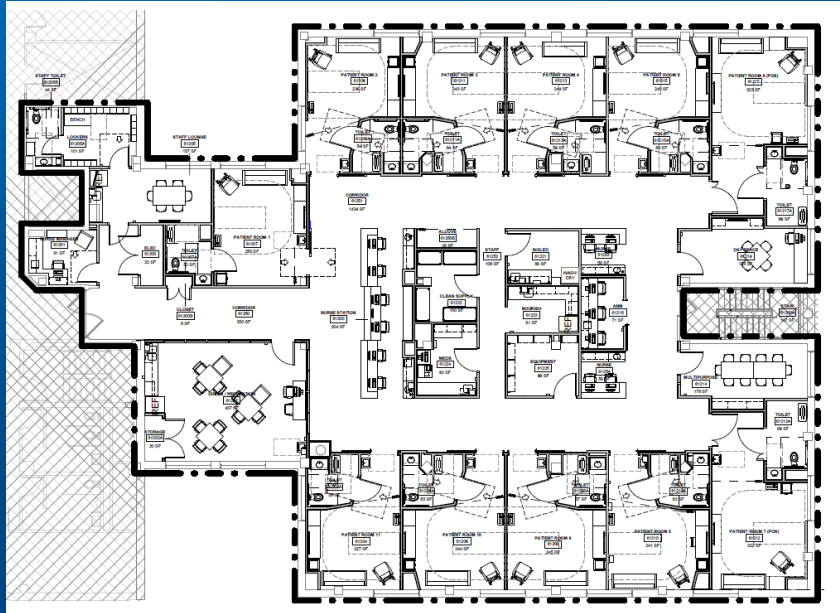
- 1,194 rehab beds exist (2020 UDSMR) (1 rehab bed exists per 16.3K pop)
- On avg. 868 rehab beds (71%) are occupied (1 rehab bed is occupied per 22.4K)

Applying this ratio to the Greater Rochester community (1.2M population) suggests **54 rehab beds at 100% occupancy or 60 beds at 90% occupancy are required to meet the community need**

Greater Rochester currently has only **45** rehab beds (20 SMH, 25 Unity)

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# 6-1200 Features and Proposed Floor Plan



Meets *current* NYS Acute Rehab Requirements:  
256 SqFt/Pt (209 single; 138 double on 512)

Private Rooms

Individual Bathrooms

Additional Family Meeting Space

Safety Features for Cognitively Impaired  
Patients Recovering from Acute Brain Injuries

Secure unit

Full visibility - 360 degree line of sight

Wanderguard capabilities

Behavior technicians



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