





Interprofessional Perspectives

Surgeon Assessment:

- Complications, contraindications, stability of injury site
- What, if anything, has she been told about her diagnosis/prognosis
- Only MD can communicate this, but OT will want diagnostic honesty

Nursing Assessment:

- Based on research with SCI patients key areas would be focused on:
 - o Limitations to activities of daily living
 - o Ability to manage self-care
 - f* Supporting what she can still do and working with PT and OT to use assistive devices to support toileting and bathing needs.
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- o home modifications
- o resuming her education, and ultimately career planning
- o sexuality
- o leisure activities

Speech-Language Pathology Assessment:

- Molly shows mild anterograde amnesia following the accident and subsequent hospitalization. A recent examination of her speech, language and communication skills revealed a mild mixed [dysarthria](#), moderate word finding difficulties for both spoken and written tasks, moderate difficulty initiating and participating in conversations, and difficulty maintaining and extending the topics of conversation (i.e., make off-topic comments). She makes spontaneous tangential comments.
- Speech, Language, Swallowing and Cognitive-Communication Questions:
 - o Speech:
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Clinical psychologist assessment

- General verbal and non-



Supplementary Data

Glasgow Coma Scale

She received a total score of 12 out of a possible 15, placing her in the mid-moderate range of alertness and orientation (high scores indicate better cognitive status). She was disoriented in all three spheres on admission (i.e., place, time and person). Her disorientation lasted approximately 72 hours but has been resolved.

Dysarthria

Dysarthria – a group of related disorders in which speech sounds are not spoken clearly; involves one or more of the following neuromotor systems: articulation, linking oral and nasal cavities (i.e. resonance), use and function of the larynx, and the respiratory system.