A Critical Review: The effect of unilingual treatment in bilingual adults with aphasia

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This critical review examines whether the treatment of one language in bilingual adults with aphasia leads to parallel recovery of the untreated language. The five case studies that were reviewed suggest that both parallel and nonparallel recovery patterns exist. Recovery appears to depend on factors such as: premorbid language proficiency and use, age of language acquisition, structural similarity between languages, and language preference. Recommendations for future research and clinical practice are further discussed.

Introduction

Bilingualism has now become a rapidly growing occurrence in North American society. In Canada, more than one hundred languages are spoken in addition to French, English and indigenous languages (Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages, 2005). Similarly, in the United States, there are an

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