Sexuality and the Person With Traumatic Brain Injury: A Guide for Families


Sexuality is one area that is not always given the attention it deserves by the brain injury rehabilitation team. There are many reasons for this, ranging from the energy focused on sustaining life to efforts focused on cognition, mobility, and behavior management. Sexuality and the Person With Traumatic Brain Injury: A Guide for Families is designed to help families incorporate sexuality throughout all phases of the recovery process of the person with traumatic brain injury. The first four chapters present an excellent overview of sexual development, brain anatomy and function, types of brain injury, and the recovery process.

The two chapters that focus on neurological impairments relating to sexuality clearly explain cognitive, communicative, perceptual, and motor deficits. In these chapters, the authors describe how each specific impairment will affect the sexuality of the person with traumatic brain injury. In later chapters, the authors instruct the family on how to explore the preinjury sexuality of the person with traumatic brain injury as well as psychosocial aspects that affect sexuality after injury.

This book deals primarily with the scenario of the intact family support system and continuation of preinjury relationships. It offers clear and concise information that is an asset to the family's understanding of brain injury as well as sexuality.

The chapter on management presents a number of case scenarios. It deals nicely with the single, young adult who did not have a stable, lasting relationship prior to his or her injury. The authors give persons with traumatic brain injury suggestions for increasing social opportunities and dealing with the effects of their injury in relation to their sexuality.

This is also an excellent resource book for professionals treating persons with traumatic brain injury. It provides an overview of brain injury and explains the effects those injuries have on sexuality in each phase of recovery. The feelings and needs of the family during this long process are also discussed. In addition to offering suggestions for addressing sexuality and maladaptive behaviors in the institutional setting, the authors provide thought-provoking information on how community-based programming can assist with the ongoing sexuality of the person with traumatic brain injury.

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Briefly Noted

Effective Documentation for Occupational Therapy


Authoritative information is compiled within this text on documentation. It is presented in 15 chapters, from the expert vantage point of occupational therapy consultants, professors, program managers, and supervisors.

The content is not new. It examines various forms of payment for occupational therapy services and the guidelines and limitations of those sources. Key elements to documentation and effective formats for documentation are reviewed, with case examples adding additional visual learning. Although the text and the case studies are up-to-date, the authors caution that the key elements of occupational therapy documentation are to be determined on a regular basis by each occupational therapy department.

In what way is the written medical record documentation best used for occupational therapy purposes? Readers seeking a response to this question will find the answer in the bulk of this work.

The text addresses specific occupational therapy reports and the medical review process and concentrates on helping therapists reconsider their thoughts about treatment goals. What information is needed by the medical reviewer before providers can be reimbursed for the service? This information is provided in depth and expanded to include special considerations affecting pediatric, home health, and mental health practice. Throughout the book, the reader is shown how to produce desirable documentation results.