

CATASTROPHIC BRAIN IMPAIRMENT:
Children, Young Adults and Their Families (Rehabilitation Strategies)

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The special considerations for the catastrophic assessment of children injured in a motor vehicle accident are set out in section 2(3) and 2(4) of the SABS which provide:

- (3) Subsection (4) applies if an insured person is under the age of 16 years at the time of the accident and none of the Glasgow Coma Scale, the Glasgow Outcome Scale or the American Medical Association's Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, 4th edition, 1993, referred to in clause (2) (d), (e) or (f) can be applied by reason of the age of the insured person.

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- (4) For the purpose of clauses (2) (d), (e) and (f), an impairment sustained in an accident by an insured person described in subsection (3) that can reasonably be believed to be a catastrophic impairment should be deemed to be the impairment that is most analogous to the impairment referred to in clause (2) (d), (e) or (f), after taking into consideration the developmental implications of the impairment.

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