

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

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UPDATE: The Expert Panel's Report to the Superintendent on Catastrophic Impairment

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Introduction

- 15 years with virtually the same CAT definition
- Predictability and Stability (*Liu, Pastore, Kusnierz*)
- FSCO Recommendation #1 – to maintain consistency unless compelling reason for change
- CAT Expert Panel Report – complete overhaul of CAT Definition

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Overview of Presentation

- Review of Phase I Report
 - Review of Responses to Phase I Report (general and specific concerns)
 - Review of Phase II Report
 - Update on Where We Are At
- *See paper with attachments at Tab 2 of the conference binder*

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Review of Phase I Report

- Complete Overhaul - - New Tests:
 - ASIA
 - GOS-E
 - Spinal Cord Independence Measure
 - GAF
- Elimination of GCS test
- Interim CAT
- Inpatient Rehabilitation Requirement

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Review of Responses to Phase I Report

- General Concerns:
 - Composition
 - Assumptions
 - Comprehensiveness/Timing
 - Lack of Costing and Other Analysis
 - Increased Complexity, Uncertainty and Confusion

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Review of Responses to Phase I Report *(cont'd)*

- Specific Concerns:
 - Inpatient Rehab Requirement (see summary chart at Tab 2E)
 - Not Combining Physical & Psychological Ratings
 - Interim CAT
 - Elimination of GCS
 - Concerns with the new tests and thresholds

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Review of Phase II Report

- Lead Evaluator:
 - Requirement
 - Qualifications
 - Training
- Training for Clinicians
- Transitional Period

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Where We Are At

- No changes likely in 2011 given October Provincial Election
- Further work contemplated by Panel
- Reconsideration of notion of making drastic changes?

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Conclusion

- Future uncertain
- Monitor thomsonrogers.com for updates
- Get ready to respond in the media if changes are announced that may narrow the CAT definition

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