
Patient Interview: Clint

1. **Describe your general impression of Clint. Include level of awareness and his ability to establish eye contact and turn toward his involved side.**

Clint is alert and exhibits no apparent cognitive problems. He easily turns his head toward the left side and establishes good eye contact. He has no apparent neglect, disregard or visual field deficits of the involved side.

2. **How does Clint describe the onset of his stroke? Include sequence of events (hospitalizations) and any physical limitations.**

Clint has good recall of events with no obvious memory problems. He includes number of days of hospitalization, rehabilitation and discharge home.

3. **Does Clint have any complaints of pain? Describe (onset, location, possible cause, when is there pain, when is he pain free?)**

Clint complains of pain to his left shoulder. He fell on his left side one month after discharge from rehab and landed on his left side. It is most painful at night and during shoulder abduction. His arm is pain free when it is "still".

4. **Describe Clint's ability to communicate. Any problems related to his ability to understand verbal communication or respond to questions?**

Comprehension (ability to understand) appears good. He seems to understand questions and express himself well. Clint reports that he sometimes has slurred speech and 'jumbles' his words.

5. **Describe Clint's biggest concern (as he explains during the interview).**

Clint's biggest concern is related to the use of his left arm and hand.

6. **Describe how Clint uses his left side for functional tasks during the interview, i.e., taking off his jacket and shirt.**

He attempts to use his left hand to remove his jacket but is unable to grasp. The movement of his left upper extremity and hand is not functional for normal daily activities. While taking off his undershirt, he has some gross grasp and limited use.

7. **Name two functional tasks that Clint wants to do independently.**

Clint wants to be able to button his pants and tie his shoes.

8. **How does Clint describe the sensation or "feeling" in his left hand?**

He says that it feels the same as his right hand and sometimes he feels "tingling".