

# **An Approach to Evaluation and Treatment for Patients with Persistent Cognitive Symptoms Resulting from Post-Acute COVID-19 Syndrome**



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# Learner Outcomes

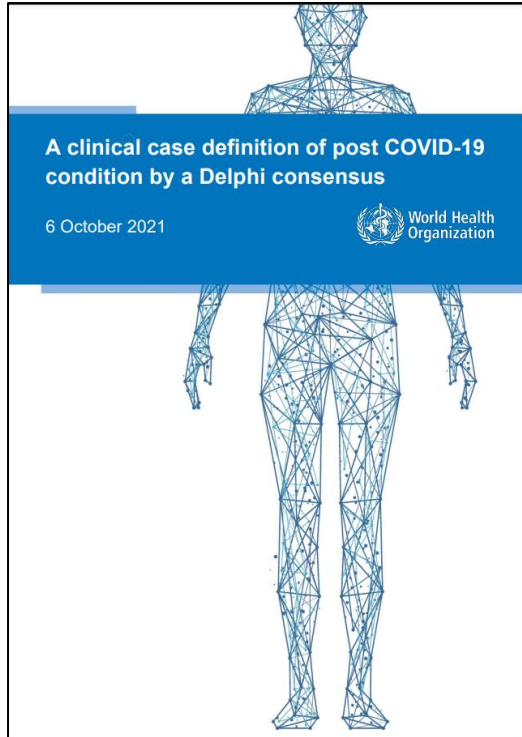
- Describe patterns of symptoms reported by individuals presenting to outpatient speech therapy for cognitive changes post-COVID-19 infection.
- Describe evaluation and treatment techniques and tools for this patient population.
- Consider factors that contribute to outcomes among individuals with Post-Acute COVID-19 Syndrome

**Post-Acute COVID-19  
Syndrome/  
Long COVID Basics**

# Terminology

- Long COVID
- Long-Term COVID-19 effects
- Long-haulers' Syndrome/Disease
- Chronic COVID-19
- Ongoing COVID-19
- Persistent COVID-19 symptoms
- Post-COVID Syndrome
- **Post-Acute Sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC)**

# WHO definition of Post-COVID Condition



“Post COVID-19 condition occurs in individuals with a history of probable or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection, usually 3 months from the onset of COVID-19 with **symptoms that last for at least 2 months** and cannot be explained by an alternative diagnosis. Common symptoms include **fatigue, shortness of breath, cognitive dysfunction** but also which generally have an impact on everyday functioning. Symptoms may be **new onset, following initial recovery from an acute COVID-19 episode, or persist** from the initial illness. Symptoms may also **fluctuate or relapse over time**. A separate definition may be applicable for children.”

# **Novel Coronavirus is not truly novel for SLPs or the medical field as whole.**

- Respiratory illnesses
  - Obstructive sleep apnea
  - Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
  - Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome
- Encephalopathies
- Critical illness/delirium
  - Post-Intensive Care Syndrome
- Other pandemics
- mTBI

Bailey et al., 2021

# Prevalence of Long COVID

- Highly variable across research studies, generally accepted that between 10 and 30% of individuals with COVID-19 will experience “Long COVID”

# Prevalence of Long COVID

- Participants

4,182 participants with COVID-19 (self-reported) from the UK, Sweden, and USA (4,223,955 individuals registered on the app)

- Methods

Patients completed checklist of symptoms daily via mobile application (did not include cognitive symptoms)

- Results

- Prevalence of “long COVID”:

13.3% had symptoms 28 days or more later (“long COVID”), 2.3% had symptoms for 12 weeks or longer

# Possible Mechanisms for Neurological Symptoms

## 1) Respiratory distress

- Associated intermittent or chronic hypoxia
- Alters neurotransmitter function
- Associated with domain general cognitive deficits in COPD and attention and executive function

## 2) Hypercoagulability

- Can lead to stroke and/or microvascular changes in the brain

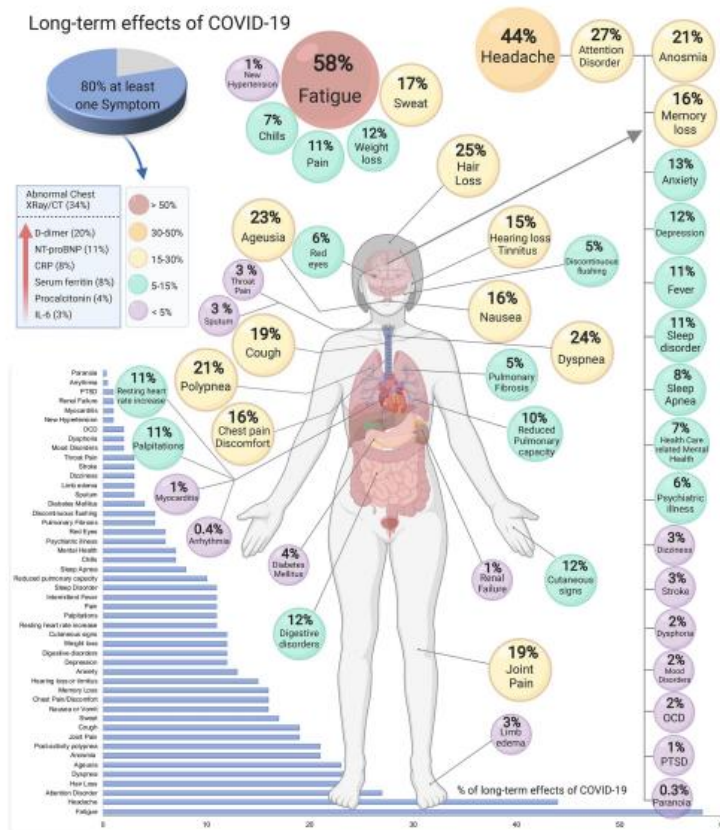
## 3) Direct invasion of brain tissue through the nasal cavity

## 4) Breakdown of the blood-brain barrier

- Due to hyper-immune system activity

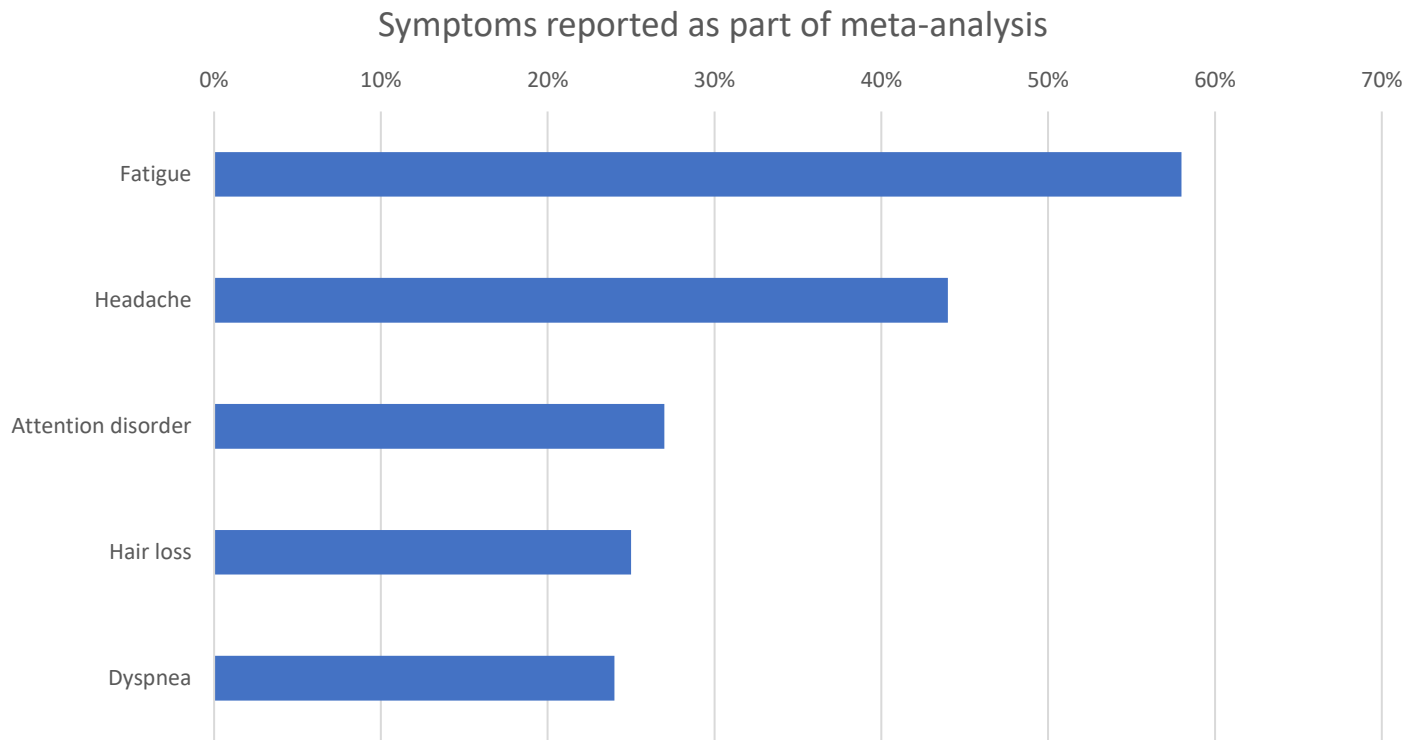
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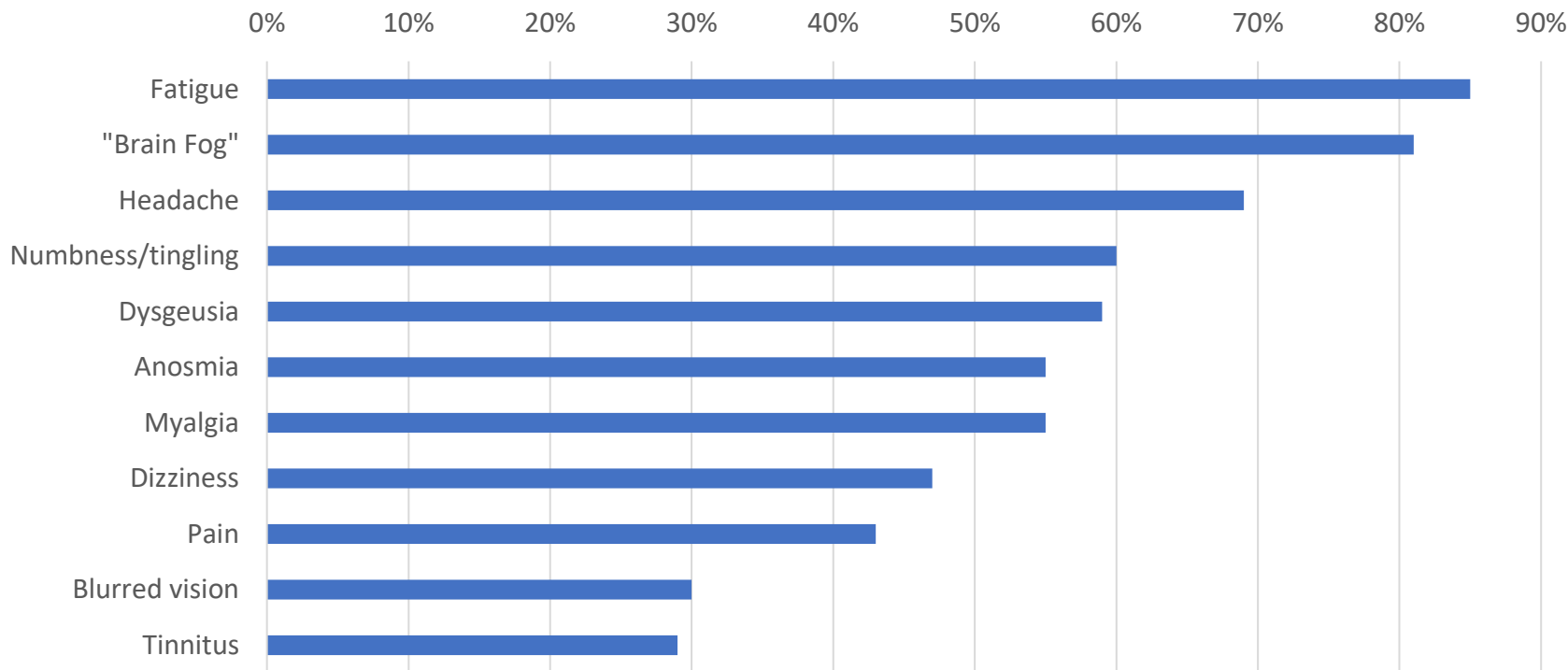
**Figure 2.** Long-term effects of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The meta-analysis of the studies included an estimate for one symptom or more reported that 80% of the patients with COVID-19 have long-term symptoms. CRP C-reactive protein, CT computed tomography, IL-6 Interleukin-6, NT-proBNP (NT) pro-hormone BNP, OCD Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, PTSD Post-traumatic stress disorder. This figure was created using Biorender.com.

# Long COVID Symptoms



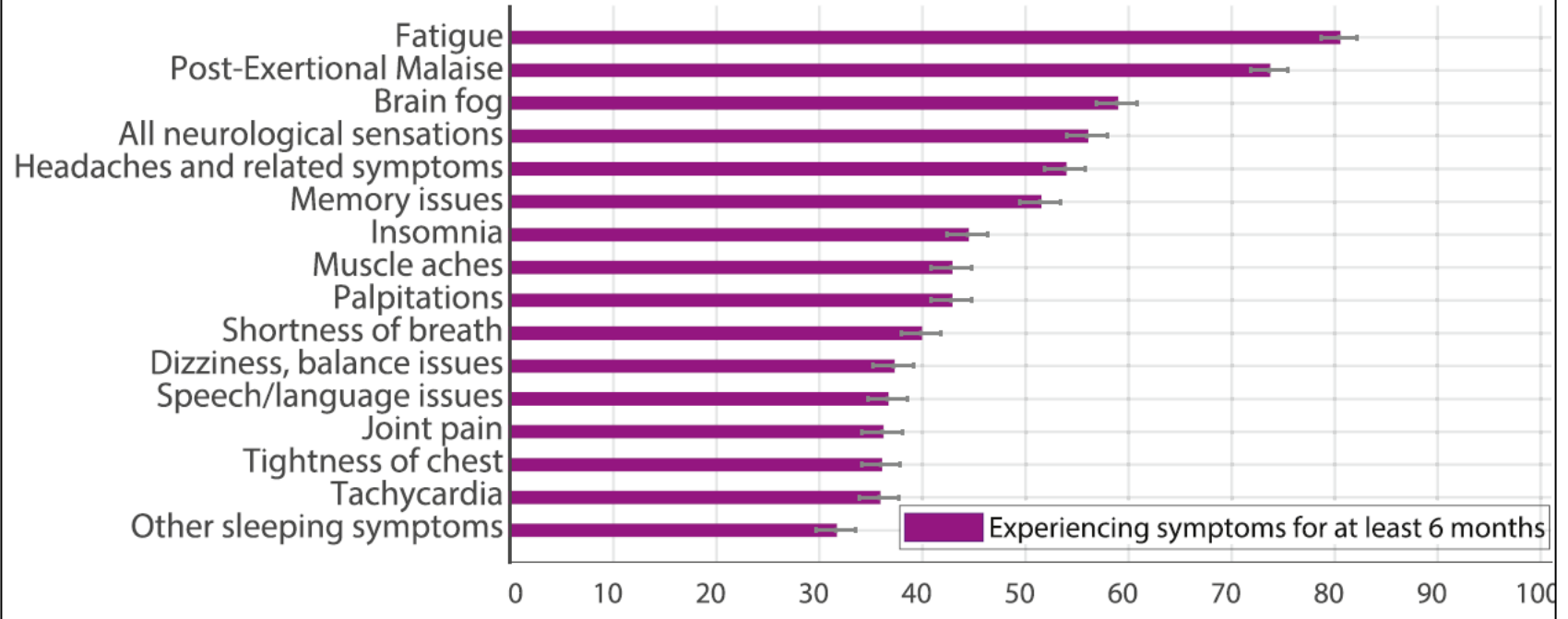
# Long COVID Symptoms

Symptoms reported at Northwestern's PASC **Neuro**-Covid-19 Clinic



# Long COVID Symptoms

a. Remaining symptoms after month 6 (prevalence > 30%)



# Contributors/Predictors of Long COVID

- Age, number of symptoms in the first week, and sex (more frequent in women). More frequently in individuals with higher BMI.

Sudre et al., 2021

- Comorbidities: Depression/anxiety (42%--as compared with 21.4% of US adults), autoimmune disease (16%), insomnia (16%), lung disease (16%), and headache (14%).

Graham et al., 2021

# **Long COVID**

## **Cognitive Symptoms**

# Long COVID Cognitive Symptoms

- “Brain fog”
- Memory deficits
- Attention deficits
- Word finding difficulty

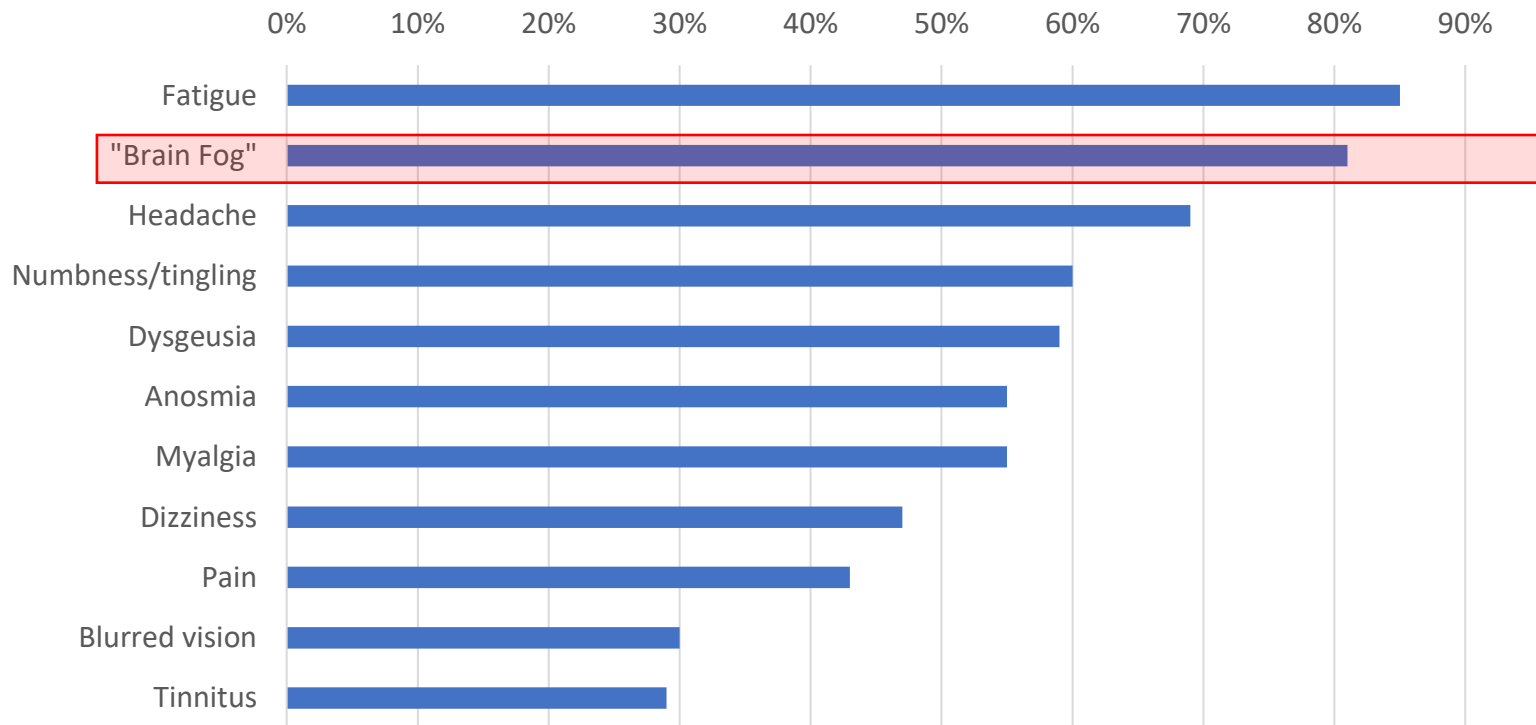


Video: “Mayo Clinic Q&A podcast: “Brain fog” is a lingering condition for many COVID-19 long-haulers”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzjNIL2SdUU>

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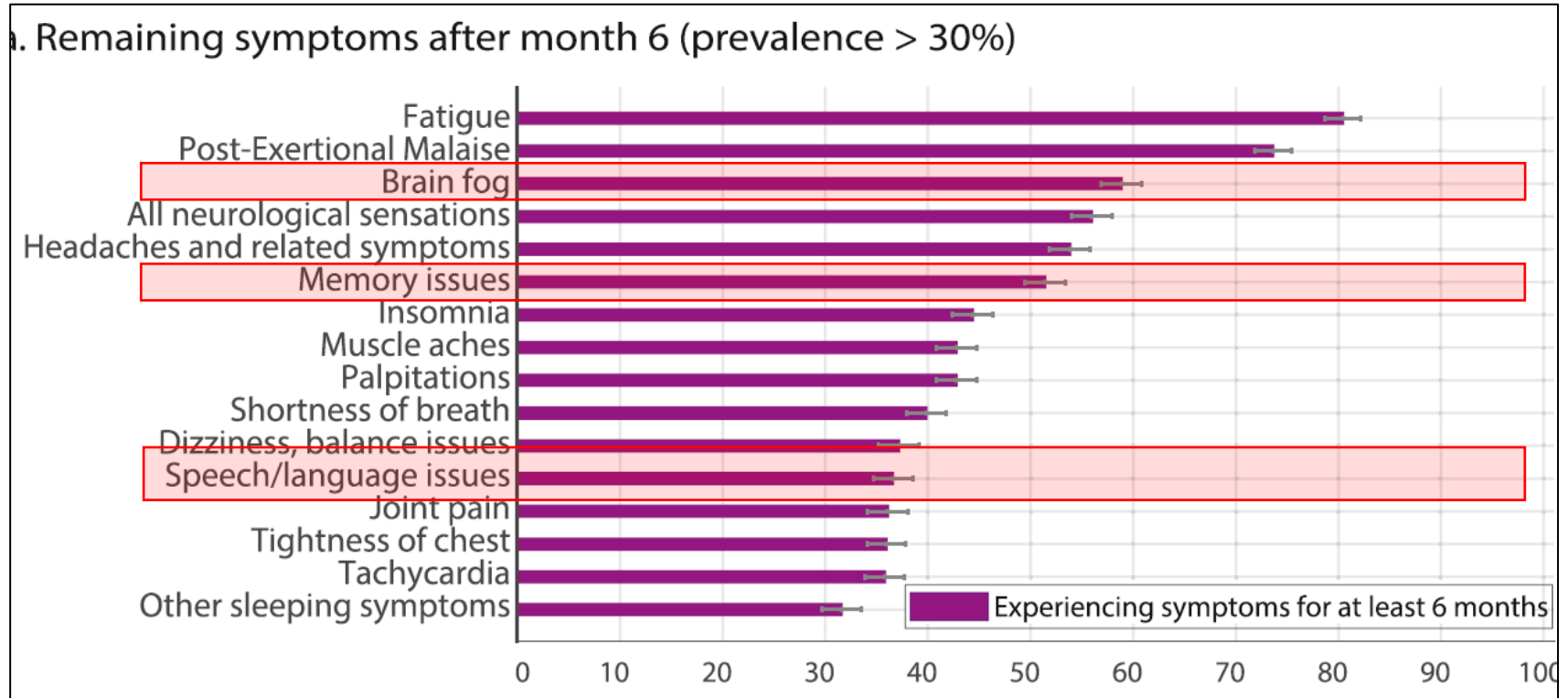
# Long COVID Cognitive Symptoms

- PROMIS indicated moderate dysfunction in cognition and fatigue quality of life, and mild-to-moderate cognitive dysfunction, measured by NIH toolbox
- PROMIS fatigue (but *not* cognitive) quality of life T-scores were moderately correlated with performance on the NIH toolbox (for working memory, executive function, and processing speed).
- 32% demonstrated memory deficit (4-item recall) and 27% demonstrated attention deficit (serial 7s)

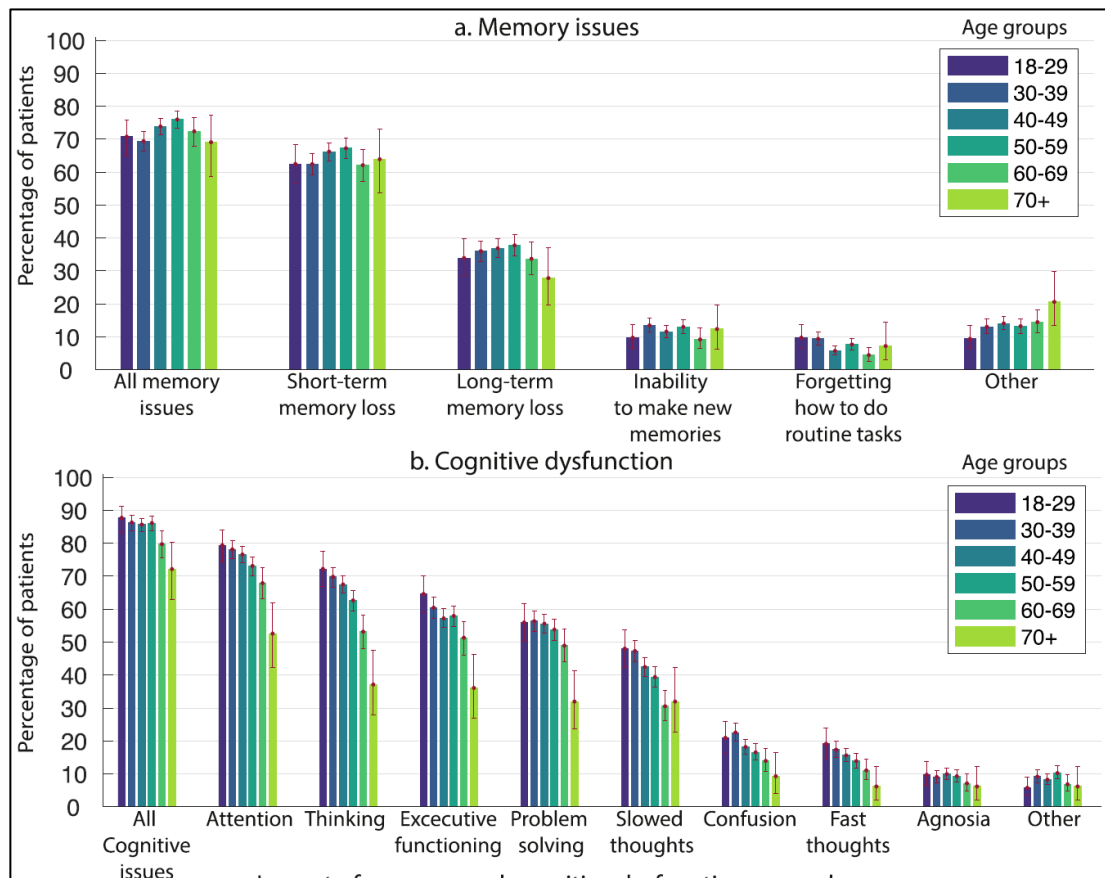
# Long COVID Cognitive Symptoms

- No statistical differences in mean scores on all neuropsych tests or mean number of “impaired” DASS-21 questionnaires.
- However, a scores on the questionnaire for anxiety and depression (DASS-21 scores) were significantly higher in COVID-19 HCW compared with non COVID-19 HCW.
  - Also, DASS-21 scores significantly influenced the majority of the neuropsychological test scores.

# Long COVID Cognitive Symptoms



# Long COVID Cognitive Symptoms



# **VUMC Adult Post-Acute COVID Clinic (APACC)**

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WKRN – August 14, 2021

# VUMC Adult Post-Acute COVID Clinic (APACC)

- Internal medicine physicians lead the clinic
  - Includes 13 specialties:
    - Pulmonology
    - Benign Hematology
    - Cardiology
    - Clinical Pharmacology
    - ENT
    - Infectious Disease
    - Neurology
    - Ophthalmology
    - PM&R
    - Psychiatry
    - Dayani Center (Physical Therapy)
    - Pi Beta Phi Rehabilitation Institute (Speech Therapy)
    - Post-COVID Cognitive Skills Support Group
- If MOCA score is normal or minimally abnormal, send to PBPRI (speech therapy) for cognitive rehab.
  - If MOCA scores are significantly abnormal, send to neurology.

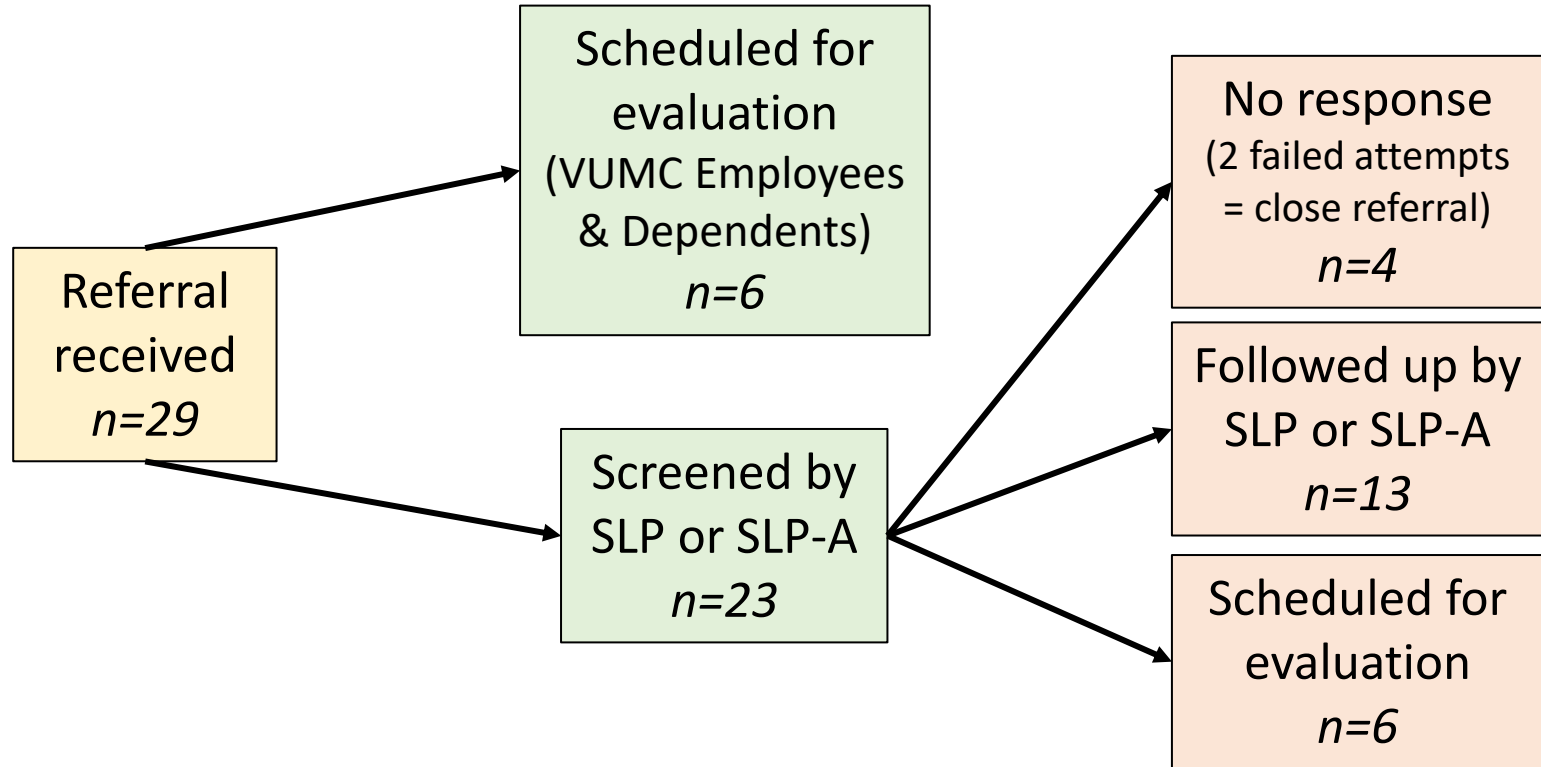
# **Our Patients at Pi Beta Phi Rehab**

# Referral Sources

- VUMC Adult Post-Acute COVID Clinic (APACC) internists
- Primary care providers
- Neurologists
- Infectious disease physicians
- Physical therapists\*
- Neuropsychologists\*

*\*Request SLP eval & treat order through patient's primary COVID provider*

# PBPRI Screening & Admissions Process



# Patient Demographics

- 22 females, 7 males
- Average age = 45-years-old
  - Range = 19-64
- Contracted COVID-19 between March 2020 and March 2021
  - 27 patients contracted COVID-19 in 2020
- Those included in the sample were NOT hospitalized due to COVID-19

# Work Status at Time of Referral

Employment Status	Number of Patients
Returned full-time	18
Returned with reduced schedule or duties	4
Unable to return to work	6
Retired	1

# Premorbid Symptoms

Symptom	Premorbid?		
	Yes	No	Unknown
Depression	17	6	5
Anxiety	17	7	5
Headaches/Migraines	11	11	7
Sleep disturbance	11	12	6
Attention issues	6	17	6

# Current Symptoms

Symptom	Current/Since having COVID?		
	Yes	No	Unknown
Fatigue	29	0	0
Anxiety	27	2	0
Sleep disturbance	25	1	3
Memory issues	24	0	5
Depression	22	8	1
Word finding difficulty	22	1	6
Attention issues	21	6	2
Headaches/Migraines	20	7	2
Altered smell/taste	18	6	5

# Post-COVID Symptom Rating Scale

Symptom	Average Rating	Range
Difficulty concentrating	8.14	6-10
Memory difficulty	7.96	6-10
Fatigue	7.36	4-10
Exercise intolerance	6.50	2-10
Joint pain	6.43	3-10
Muscle or body aches	6.36	3-10
Anxiety	6.11	1-10
Difficulty sleeping	5.07	3-8
Headache	4.79	1-10
Dizziness	4.71	2-10
Shortness of breath	4.75	1-10
Chest pain	2.89	1-7
Cough	1.79	1-5
Total Score	73.04/130	47-107

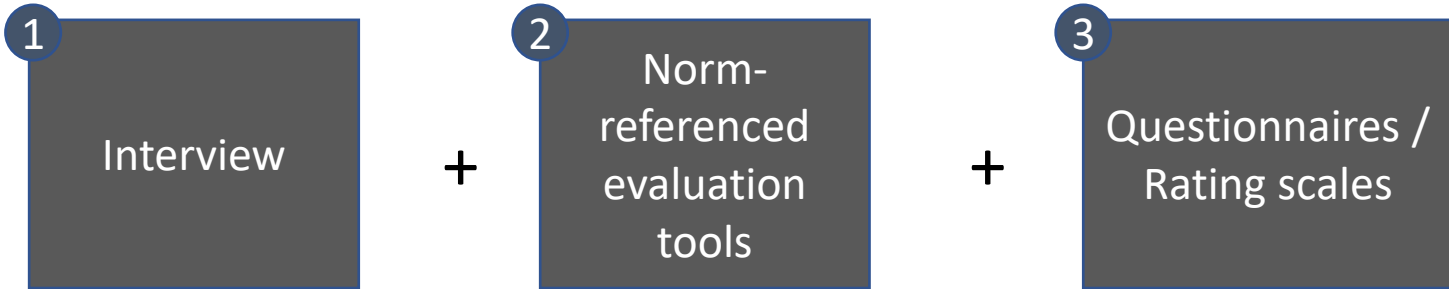
14 patients  
 -2 consult only  
 -2 eval only  
 -10 eval & treat

# Complementary Therapy

Intervention	Number of Patients
Physical Therapy	16 (+7 referred, did not attend)
Individual psychotherapy	5
COVID-19 Cognitive Skills Support Group	4+ (7 referred, unknown if attended)
Occupational Therapy	1

# Evaluation Process

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# 1 Interview: MOST important component

- Previous and current functioning in household, social and leisure, community, academic, and work activities
- Understanding of their diagnosis and symptoms
- Self-described strengths and difficulties
- GOALS

## Examples of open-ended questions:

“What brings you here?”

“How can I help you?”

“Tell me about what your day looked like before COVID.”

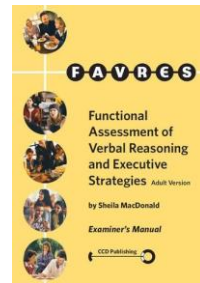
“What changes have you noticed since your illness began?”

## 2 Norm-Referenced Tests

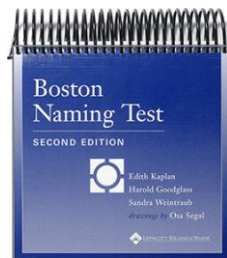
### Repeatable Battery for the Assessment of Neuropsychological Status



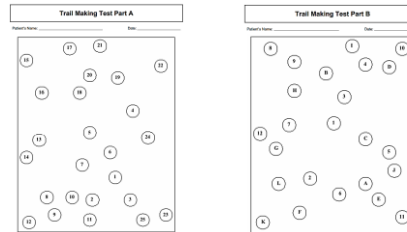
### Functional Assessment of Verbal Reasoning and Executive Strategies



### Boston Naming Test



### Trail Making Test A & B



# 3 Questionnaires/Rating scales

## Symptoms

### Post-COVID-19 Symptom Scale

Date of last known COVID-19 diagnosis:		At least 1 mo. post?								
SYMPTOM	Never									Always
Fatigue	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Muscle or body aches	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Difficulty concentrating or focusing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Inability to exercise or be active	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Cough	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Joint pain	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Other symptom:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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GRAND TOTAL OF ALL SYMPTOMS:

## Memory

### Multifactorial Memory Questionnaire

#### Memory Mistakes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Below is a list of common memory mistakes that people make. Decide how often you have done each one in the *last two weeks*. Then, check the box next to the appropriate response.

1. Forget to pay a bill on time.

☐ All the Time ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

2. Misplace something you use daily, like your keys or glasses.

☐ All the Time ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

3. Have trouble remembering a telephone number you just looked up.

☐ All the Time ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

4. Not recall the name of someone you just met.

☐ All the Time ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

5. Leave something behind when you meant to bring it with you.

☐ All the Time ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

Troyer & Rich, 1996

# Post-COVID Symptom Scale Development



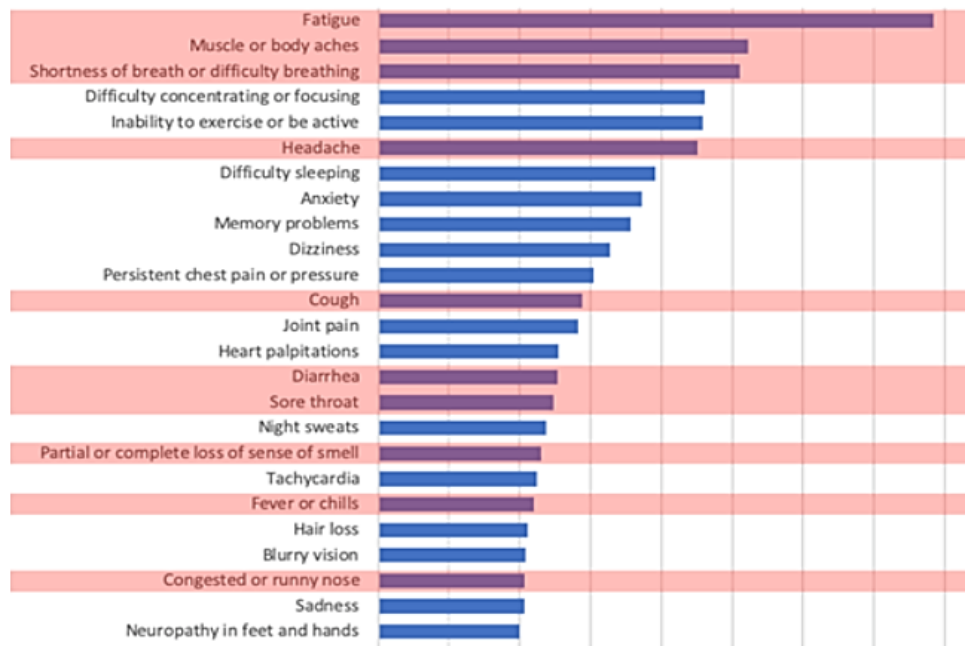
Diana Zicklin Berrent created a poll.

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🔥 **URGENT POLL:** If you consider yourself a **Long Hauler** please let us know which symptoms you have experienced / are experiencing. **THANK YOU!!!**

*We are helping develop a study to help Long Haulers so the more responses we get the better! All info will be completely anonymized - we are just looking for frequency of symptoms reported and if we are missing any 🙏🔥🙏*

CDC (shaded) vs. Long Hauler Reported COVID-19 Symptoms



Patient name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Patient MR#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

### COVID-19 Long Hauler Symptom Rating Scale

Directions:

Describe your symptoms on a scale of 1-10 over the past week, in which 1 is Never and 10 is Always.

Date of last known COVID-19 diagnosis:					At least 1 mo. post?					
SYMPTOM	Never									Always
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# Treatment Process

# Cognitive Rehabilitation

“[Cognitive rehabilitation] is not solving the underlying problems but helping them develop tricks and techniques to manage things that they’re having trouble with.”

-Dr. Serena Spudich

# Treatment Types/Approaches

1. Personalized education
2. Training cognitive strategies
  - General – e.g., for memory
  - Personalized—e.g., for test-taking
3. Selection and training of assistive technology for cognition
4. Environmental management
5. Direct training of cognitive processes

# Personalized Education

- Create positive expectations (may be an essential element)
- Increase awareness (in turn increasing use of strategies, self-advocacy)
- “Normalize” or validate observations
- Empowerment
- Sample topics:
  - Persisting symptoms of long COVID
  - Expectations for recovery
  - Types of attention, memory, executive functioning

# Education: Books & Workbooks

Chapter 4: Part II: Individual Traditional Cognitive Rehabilitation Interventions (SCORE Ann 3)

Client Manual

## What is attention?<sup>8,9</sup>

### Focused attention:

The ability to respond discretely to particular visual, auditory, or tactile stimulation.

### Sustained attention:

The ability to sustain a steady response during continuous activity. It is commonly called concentration.

### Selective attention:

The ability to maintain attention with distracting or competing stimuli present. These distractions may be either external (noise) or internal (worries).

### Alternating attention:

The ability to shift focus between tasks or shift attention from one thing to another.

### Divided attention:

The ability to simultaneously respond to multiple tasks or to do more than one activity at a time.

### Examples:

Reading an operational manual	Sustained
Reading emails with the radio on	Sustained & Selective
Answering text messages while listening for basketball scores on the television	Sustained & Alternating
Talking with a friend and listening for your name while waiting to be seated at a restaurant	Sustained & Divided
Talking on the cell phone	Sustained
Talking on the cell phone while watching a football game	Sustained & Selective
Ordering pizza on the phone and asking someone in the room for toppings	Sustained & Alternating
Talking on the cell phone while driving a car (not recommended)	Sustained & Divided

## Defense & Veterans Brain Injury Center:

<https://www.va.gov/covidtraining/docs/mTBICPGFullCPG50821816.pdf>

Working group to develop a clinician's guide to cognitive rehabilitation in mTBI: Application for military service members and veterans, 2016

# Education: PBPRI Materials

## Types of Attention

Focused

Sustained

Selective

Divided

Alternating

## Alternating Attention

-The ability to switch your focus back and forth between tasks

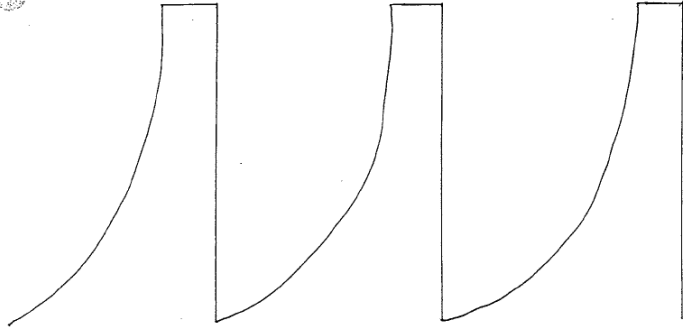
Examples:

- Cooking spaghetti on the stovetop while periodically checking on a cake baking in the oven
- Working on a project and answering intermittent phone calls
- Alternating between helping a child with a school project and completing your own work

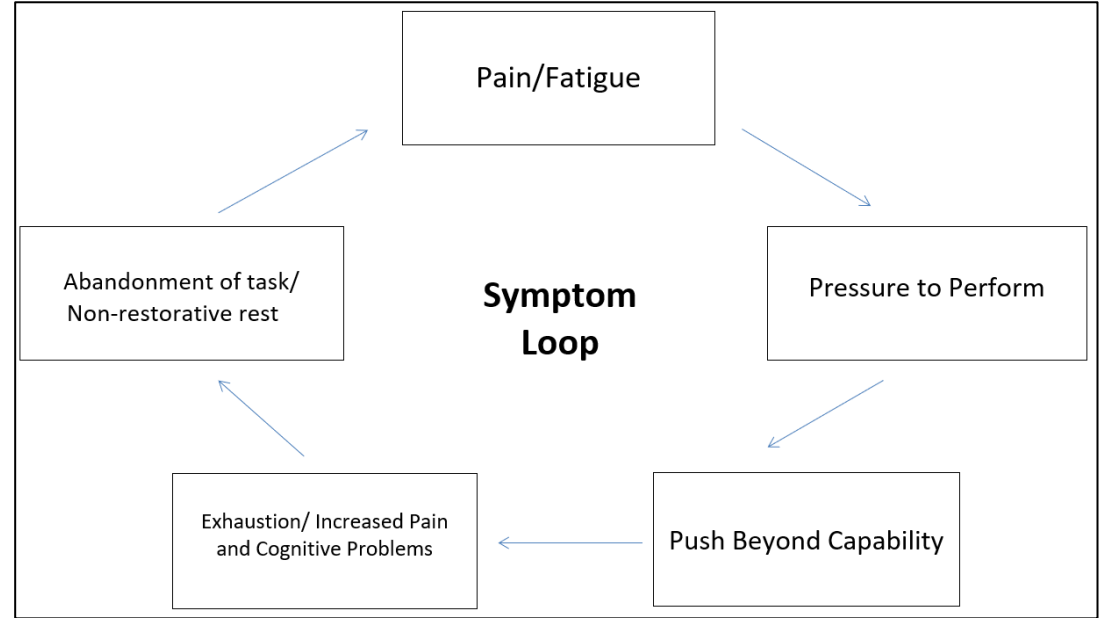
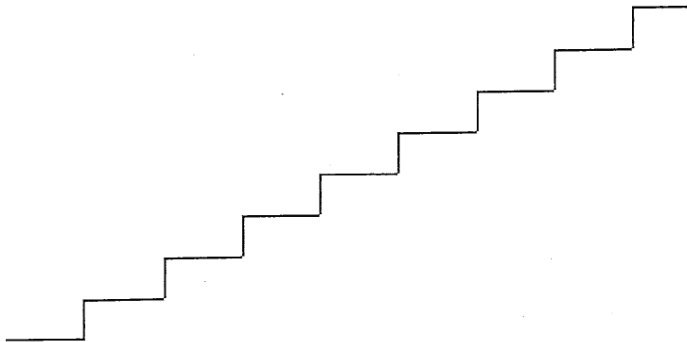


# Education “Plus”

Typical Performance Trend Which Perpetuates Impairment



Ideal Performance Progression Which Promotes Recovery



# Education “Plus”

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## Daily Journaling Exercise

1. What activities did I do today?

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2. What went well?

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3. What strategies/tools did I use that made me successful in these activities?

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4. What didn't go well?

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5. What strategies/tools could I have used that would have improved my performance during these activities?

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# Cognitive Training

- **Strategies\* + Activities**
  - **Attention\***
  - **Executive functioning\***
  - **Memory\***
  - Reading
  - Writing
  - Verbal expression

*\*Practice standard for mTBI*

# Cognitive Training: Books & Workbooks

Optimizing attention: environmental strategies	
Reduce external distractions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turn off the music or television, or use ear plugs</li> <li>Minimize visual clutter</li> </ul>
Modify your surroundings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Find a quiet area</li> <li>Rearrange furniture, close curtains</li> <li>Ensure adequate lighting</li> <li>Set desk/chair height to comfortable position at work</li> <li>Set room temperature on the cool side to help keep you alert</li> </ul>
Set alarms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set alarms as reminders for pending tasks to decrease the distraction of watching the clock</li> </ul>
Modify times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use your individual best time, such as morning or afternoon, to focus on a task requiring attention to detail</li> <li>Allow yourself time when changing tasks</li> <li>When changing tasks, verbalize what you are currently doing</li> <li>If you know you will be interrupted, work on a very familiar mundane task</li> </ul>
Take breaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you notice you are becoming distracted, take a short break and then return to the task at hand</li> <li>Use the "High Priority/Low Priority" strategies for organization</li> <li>Break tasks into smaller steps; mark off on a checklist after each task is completed</li> </ul>
Focus on one task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You may perform inadequately if juggling too many tasks at once</li> </ul>
Avoid interruptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use "Do Not Disturb" signs</li> <li>Gather supplies before starting activity (pen, paper)</li> <li>Turn off phone ringer</li> </ul>
Be an active communication partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask questions during conversations to ensure clear understanding</li> <li>Repeat information from conversations (paraphrase)</li> </ul>
Improve sleep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sleep deprivation causes difficulty with paying attention</li> </ul>
Decrease stress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal distracters focus attention away from the task at hand</li> </ul>
Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A healthier body helps your thinking skills</li> </ul>
Use of sensory input to increase concentration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chew gum</li> <li>Squeeze stress ball for hand</li> <li>Tap a pencil or your foot</li> </ul>
Use an idea log	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designate a notebook or use voice recorder on smart phone</li> </ul>
White noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Background music or fans may help block out surrounding distractions</li> </ul>
Set a designated location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the same location to keep key items in one place (cell phone and charging station, wallet, hat and key hangers)</li> </ul>
<b>Handling Interruptions</b>	
Sticky notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use sticky notes as place holders for tasks; note where you stopped and what action is pending, what you did last and what you will do next</li> <li>When reading, use as place markers</li> <li>Use visual cues: take lunch, grab keys, lock door, take medications</li> </ul>
Phone calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allow phone calls to go to voice mail and answer later</li> </ul>

Defense Health Agency's  
TBI Center of Excellence:

<https://health.mil/Reference-Center/Publications/2020/08/04/SCORE-Chapter-4-Part-II>

# Cognitive Training: PBPRI Materials

## ATTENTION STRATEGIES

### Reduce Distractions

#### Internal

- worried about family
  - ↳ restate current focus
  - ↳ "worry time" while on treadmill (on schedule)
  - ↳ counseling
- pain in wrist, hands
  - ↳ exercise (or) stretches
  - ↳ keep Aleva in purse
  - ↳ breaks in activity
- fatigue
  - ↳ bed earlier
  - ↳ listen to upbeat music
  - ↳ breaks every 2 hrs at work
- brain fog
  - ↳ go slow
  - ↳ one thing at a time
  - ↳ purposeful breaks
  - ↳ narrate steps aloud
- feeling sad
  - ↳ see "worry"
  - ↳ go for a walk
  - ↳ gardening

#### External

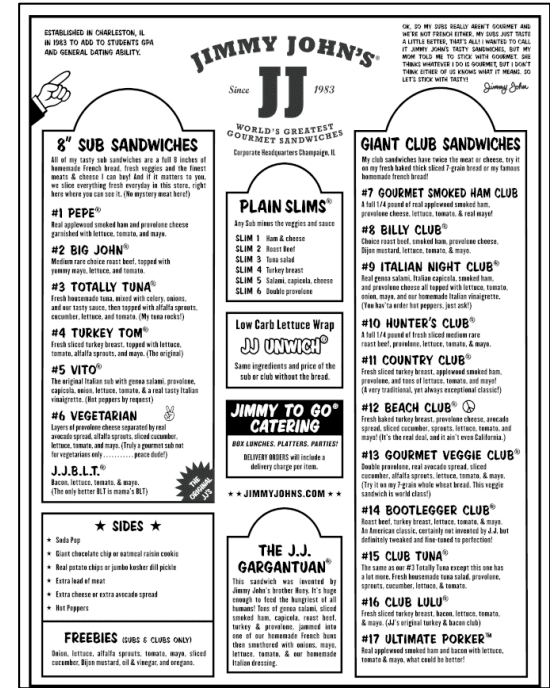
- Kids coming to visit
  - ↳ ask for a heads up
- phone calls
  - ↳ do during lunch break
  - ↳ voice memos
  - ↳ e-mail
- dog
  - ↳ give her a rawhide
  - ↳ walk her in AM
- microsoft Teams Alerts
  - ↳ "Do Not Disturb" for 3-hr block of time
  - ↳ turn off alerts
- Emails during lunch
  - ↳ mute alerts during lunch
  - ↳ set expectation with co-workers
  - ↳ check email right before lunch

- Focus on ONE task at a time (self-talk)
- Set realistic goals and pace yourself
- Double check your work and surroundings
- Use a line guide/print blocker to read
- Repeat/confirm new information
- Work during optimal hours
- Stay organized

# Cognitive Training Exercises:

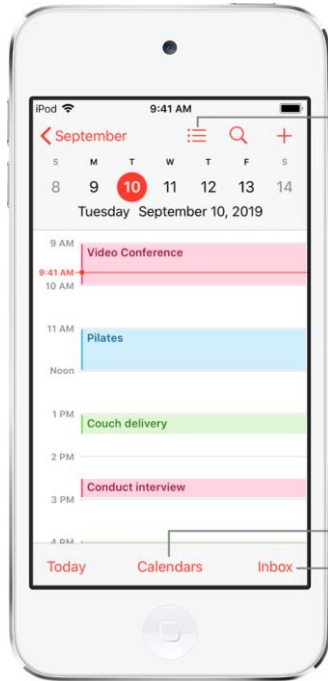
## Personalize & perform in context

- Memory: “Study” Jimmy John’s sandwiches
- Attention: Check addresses and orders
- Executive Function: Build a study schedule for an upcoming exam
- Verbal Expression: Roleplay an interview



# Assistive Technology: iPhone Apps

Calendar



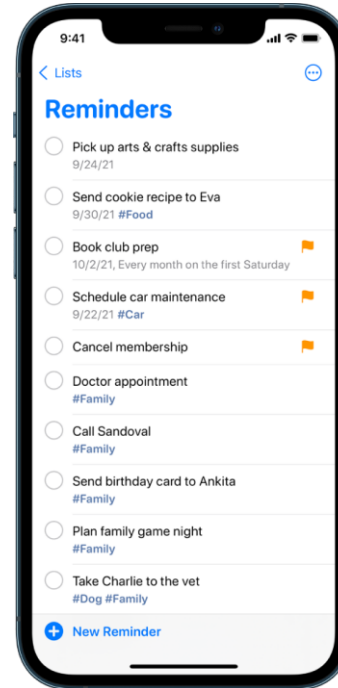
Alarms



Notes



Reminders

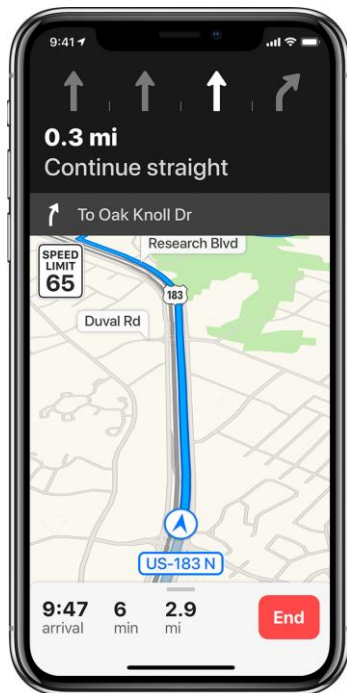


Timers



# Assistive Technology: iPhone Apps

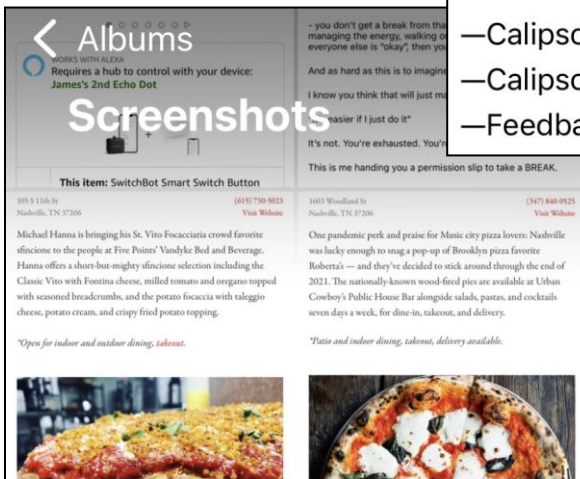
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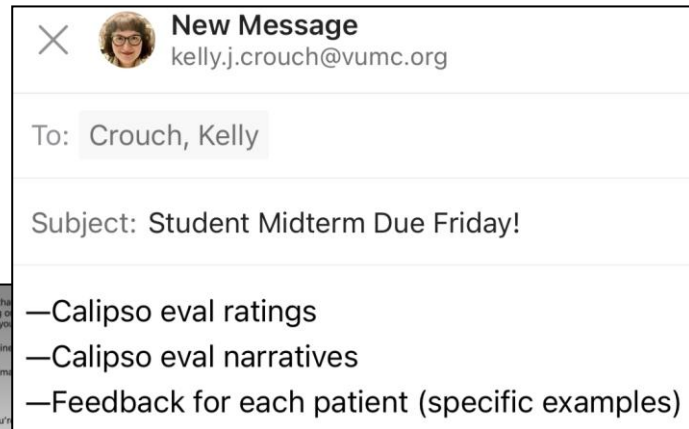
## Voice Memo



## Photos



## E-mail to self



# Assistive Technology: iPhone Shortcuts



## Example Shortcuts:

- When I arrive at Publix on Hwy 70S, open my grocery list in the Notes app.
- From 7:30 AM until 5:00 PM, turn on Do Not Disturb but allow James, Jesse, and Dad's calls/texts to come through.

# Assistive Technology: More Apps

To Do Lists	Calendars	Miscellaneous
Microsoft To Do	Google Calendar	Pocket -saves articles, links, & videos to view later
Tick Tick	Outlook Calendar	LastPass -password manager
Any.do	TimeTree	Outliner -outlines a complex task
Todoist	aCalendar	Evernote -note-taking by writing, pics, audio, etc.
Google Keep	Business Calendar 2	IFTTT -creates shortcuts (e.g., if there is an upcoming event on my Google Calendar, then text me a reminder with the event name, time, and address.)

# Assistive Technology: Supporting Learning

## Setting a Reminder Using Siri/Voice Commands

1. Mentally prepare your command: **"Remind me to [task] [when]."**

### EXAMPLES:

- Remind me to **make an appointment with neurology** today at 3 PM.
- Remind me to **call Susie** tonight at 6 PM.
- Remind me to **check My Health** every day at 8 AM.

2. Say, "Hey, Siri!"  
(Wait to say your command until the beep!)

OR

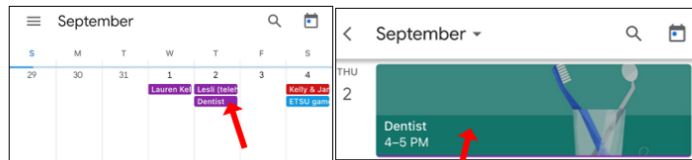
Hold down the button on the right side of your iPhone for 2-3 seconds until you see the black screen that says, "What can I help you with?"



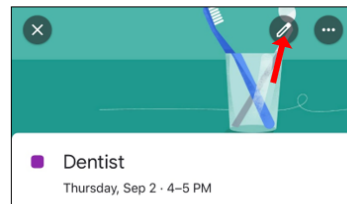
3. Say your command: **"Remind me to [task] [when]."**
4. Double-check your reminder to make sure the title, date, and time are correct.
  - If it is **correct**, press swipe up on the screen to exit.
  - If it is **incorrect**, tap on the reminder to make edits.

## Editing Google Calendar Events

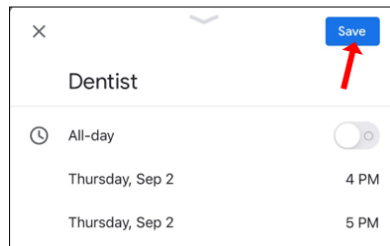
- 1) Tap on the event you wish to edit  
(Note: You might have to tap a couple of times to get there.)



- 2) Once you're "in" the event, tap on the pencil icon to pull up the editing menu.



- 3) Make your desired edits, and tap save when finished.



# Assistive Technology: Pen & Paper Tools

Date: <u>October 21, 2021</u> Day of Week: <u>Thursday</u>							
<b>October 2021</b>							<b>TO-DO LIST:</b>
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Speech therapy @ 8 am
					1	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Physical therapy @ 9 AM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Pick up Rx on the way home
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. Lunch w/ dad @ Panera @ 12
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. make neurology appt <sup>615-</sup> <sub>936-0060</sub>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6. Young Sheldon @ 7pm (CBS)
31							<input type="checkbox"/> 7.
<b>MORNING</b> • Speech - added alarms to phone to do daily log @ 8a, 1p, & 8p • PT - added clamshells to my HEP (see handout) • Got neurology appt scheduled w/ Dr. Darby on 11/8 @ 2pm							
<b>AFTERNOON</b> • Lunch w/ dad - He needs me to pick up his Rx tomorrow • Sister called - wants to bring nephew over to go trick-or-treating on Halloween							
<b>EVENING</b> • Young Sheldon - George had a heart attack. Melissa burns her notebook w/ Marcus' name on it							

# Assistive Technology: Pen & Paper Tools

October 2021

**18 MONDAY**

Notes:

- Speech - Reviewed Memory Strategies.
- set alarm to write in planner @ 8a & 8p
- PT - added clamshells to HEP (see handout)
- Dr. Bowers put in refills for Sumatriptan

To Do:

- ☒ Speech therapy @ 8
- ☒ Physical Therapy @ 9
- ☒ Pick up Rx - sumatriptan
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐

**19 TUESDAY**

Notes:

Too fatigued to do HEP tonight

- call w/ sister - will come over on Halloween w/ son to go trick or treating in my neighborhood

To Do:

- ☒ Call sister back after 5pm
- ☒ PT HEP - morning
- ☒ PT HEP - evening
- ☒ Make clicklist order
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐

**20 WEDNESDAY**

Notes:

- Sue got a promotion at work, her husband got good news about his knee problem - no surgery!
- The SVU search for a guy who preys on mothers of young kids.

To Do:

- ☒ pick up clicklist order @ 10am
- ☒ PT HEP - morning
- ☒ PT HEP - evening
- ☒ pinner w/ Sue @ Five Points Pizza @ 6
- ☒ Law & order SVU @ 8 on NBC
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐

October 2021

**21 THURSDAY**

Notes:

- Speech - learned "STAR" strategy for executive function, made plan for how to get tires replaced
- PT - switched to blue therapand for HEP
- Rested after therapy → headache

To Do:

- ☒ Speech Therapy @ 8
- ☒ Physical Therapy @ 9
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐

**22 FRIDAY**

Notes:

appt on Mon, 10/15 @ 11:45am

- got through ~1/2 of it

To Do:

- ☒ make an appt w/ Discount Tires
- ☒ PT HEP - morning
- ☒ PT HEP - evening
- ☒ Clean out e-mail inbox
- ☒ Walk in Percy Warner Park w/ Julie @ 4pm - meet @ steps
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐

**23 SATURDAY**

Notes/To Do:

- PT HEP - morning
- PT HEP - evening
- Clean out the rest of inbox
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**24 SUNDAY**

Notes/To Do:

- PT HEP - morning
- PT HEP - evening
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# Assistive Technology: Pen & Paper Tools

L&D Rm _____ Name: _____	L&D Rm _____ Name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> IV Chart/Remove	<input type="checkbox"/> IV Chart/Remove
<input type="checkbox"/> Req doc	<input type="checkbox"/> Req doc
<input type="checkbox"/> Pain assessment Q2 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Pain assessment Q2 hours
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 AM	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 AM	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Temperature check Q2 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Temperature check Q2 hours
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 AM	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 AM	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> C-S wound	<input type="checkbox"/> C-S wound
<input type="checkbox"/> Foley	<input type="checkbox"/> Foley
<input type="checkbox"/> IV Intake	<input type="checkbox"/> IV Intake
<input type="checkbox"/> Urine output	<input type="checkbox"/> Urine output
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Tracing	<input type="checkbox"/> Tracing
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

# Environmental Management

- Employment\*
- School\*
- Home

# Accommodations for Work

- Allow employee to bring phone into workspace.
- Reduced hours per week (# of hours & days, length of time before reevaluation)
- Provide weekly meetings with employee to provide feedback
- Provide written feedback
- Provide written instructions
- Provide reminders for meetings
- Provide written minutes for meetings
- Limit interruptions in employees' work environment
- Provide extra time for projects
- Provide opportunities for training “refreshers”
- Provide speech-to-text software (e.g., “Dragon”)
- Allow more frequent breaks

# Facilitators & Barriers to Progress

## Facilitators

- Supportive loved ones
- Flexible work settings
- Medical literacy
- Premorbid healthy lifestyle

## Barriers

- Insurance limitations
- Access to care
- Inflexible work schedules
- Misinformation among loved ones, practitioners, employers, etc.
- Psychological disorders
- Financial strain
- Other life stressors

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# **Q&A + Discussion**

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