

Case Study

Ms. Campbell is a 57 yo F admitted to acute rehabilitation with Wernike's encephalopathy due to a history of alcohol abuse, with multiple comorbidities and general debility.

She is disoriented, confused, demonstrates basic problem solving deficits and poor insight into her physical, cognitive, and memory deficits. She is not oriented to time, location, or situation, does not recall daily therapy sessions when asked by therapists or her family, but appears to have fairly intact long term memory (recognizes her family, dogs, and recalls prior work history). She has difficulty staying on task during activities of daily living (ADLs - bathing, dressing, grooming) and can take over an hour and a half to complete, although her sequencing of each individual task is fairly intact. She does not recall safety information given by her PT and OT such as use of adaptive equipment including a walker to support her balance or a shower chair when bathing.

Questions:

Pick at least one external aid you might choose to use with this patient. Why did you choose this one? What skill are you trying to support?

How much support do you think she will need to use it successfully? Will family need to be involved or do you think training the patient will be successful?