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What Is A Neuropsychological Assessment?

- A specialized task-oriented evaluation of human brain-behaviour relationships.
- Conducted by a Psychologist with specialized training in brain-behaviour relationships who usually possesses a Ph.D. or Psy.D. In Ontario, the individual must be authorized to practice in the area of Clinical Neuropsychology by the College of Psychologists of Ontario ('C.Psych.' indicates registration with the College).
- Consists of an in-depth evaluation of the individual's cognitive functioning (emotional and social functioning should also be addressed, although to a lesser extent depending on whether a Psychological Evaluation is also requested).
- The entire assessment time required ranges from 1 to 2 days depending upon case complexity, client's limitations, etc. The assessment includes an extensive diagnostic interview with client (2 - 3 hours); interview with spouse/family member/or someone else who knew the client prior to the date of injury.

This allows the assessor to obtain that individual's perceptions of changes in the client post-injury (0.5 - 1 hour); and administration of neuropsychological tests (6 - 12 hours).

- Uses standardized testing methods to evaluate higher cortical functioning and basic sensory-motor processes.
- Designed to provide more detailed and comprehensive information about cognitive capabilities more able to detect disturbance of higher level cortical functioning than the neurological evaluation.

For Fast Facts About Neuropsychological Assessments, please see the attached chart.

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