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Determining Supervision and Care Needs

The Development, Validation and Utility of the Hope Network Acuity Scale (HAS) Neuro Rehabilitation Acuity Measure

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Outline, 60 minutes

1. (5 minutes) The concept of acuity and the dimensions of protective supervision and attendant care in neuro rehabilitation. Review of literature on scrifty measures a Mortin Manthematical Screen and Scr (5 minutes) Introduction of the Hope Network Acuity Scale (HAS). Initial development process, Two-factor structure, Rating/rater format, Review of item elements, Research design for validation. Item development triale

I 00 minutes) HAS Interater reliability trial outcomes, item descriptive statistics, factor structure outcomes.
 Martin Waalkes

4. (15 minutes) Correlational findings with other outcome and treatment measures, cross-sectional and longitudinal patterns. Relationships of acuity to discharge placement. a. Martin Walkes

(10 minutes) Acuity measures as a business and management tool for resource allocation and cost projection.
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6. (5 Minutes) Reflections on the role of Acuity as a proxy for functional outcome. Directions for future research and validation trials (10 minutes) Questions and discussion on the utilization and applications of acuity measurement in neuro rehabilitation. Martin Waakes

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Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

- 1. Identify acuity as a variable of injury severity and complexity influencing treatment resource demands.
- 2. Rate acuity with the HAS instrument by noting patient characteristics in inpatient or residential placement.
- 3. Identify relationships of acuity to functional outcomes, cost and resource demands, and placement decisions.

Program Description

- · How do you measure the required care and supervision workload in neuro rehabilitation?
- The Hope Network Acuity Scale (HAS), a two-factor 8-item rating of medical and neurobehavioral acuity, addresses this need. The HAS demonstrates excellent interrater reliability and internal consistency, and factor analysis confirms the twofactor structure.
- · Significant correlations with functional outcome measures and supervision ratings, evidence of improvement over the course of treatment, and expected stratification of outcomes on the discharge continuum support validity. Implications for use as a placement tool, measure for efficiency, and even as a working tool for assigning resources or cost estimating will be explored.

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Some Questions

- · How will we know if some patients require more care and supervision time than others?
- · How can we determine if care workloads are the same from one program to the next? · How do we know which types of referrals or treatment groups demand the most staffing?
- · How do we know where to place a patient in the available program options based on care
- needs?
- · How can we objectively support how much attendant care and supervision a person will need? · How can we predict what the supervision element of rehabilitative care for a patient will cost?

.....Acuity, That's how!

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What is Acuity?

- · Acuity is the measure of required care and supervision needs of a patient.
- It is a workload measure



Typical Measures of Acuity

Nursing: used to capture workloads of:

- Procedures · Care interventions
- Education
- Therapeutic and psychosocial interventions Oral medication administration frequencies
- · Complicated drugs and other medication administration routines.

Kidd, M., Grove, K., Kaiser, M., Swoboda, B., & Taylor, A. (2014). A new patient-acuity tool promotes equilable nurse-patient assignments. <u>American nurse</u> Ioday. 4, 1-4.

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Related Concepts: Severity vs. Acuity Severity is a characteristic of the injury and is related to outcome. There have been several efforts to develop a broad injury severity measure, but the focus is on the complexity of the injury for the patient, with only secondary, inferred implications on the resulting impact on caregivers.

http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/434076-overview#showall Acuity is a direct measure of resulting reliance on others for care and supervision. It is independent of, but related to severity, and can be multi-

- determined. Acuity can be influenced by:
 - Severity
- Arousal
 Environmental supports or aggravations · Treatment unit architecture
- Treatment patterns Risk tolerance
- Family and cultural expectations · Licensing and policy requirements

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Related Concepts – NOT ACUITY

- Injury Diagnostic features: A measure of patient injury level
- severity that may predict workload
 - Ranchos Los Amigos Scale for Level Of Cognitive Function (RLAS)
 Glasgow Coma Scale, LOC +/-, Days of PTC.

Functional Capacity: A measure of patient skills indirectly related to workload

- MPAI-4 (Malec, 2005)
- Neurological Impairment Scale (NIS) (Turner-Stokes, et.al., 2014)
- ASIA scale for SCI injury level and extent
 Neuropsychological testing and discipline clinical scales

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Related Concepts – NOT ACUITY (cont.)

Complexity: A measure of patient diagnostic and demographic qualities indirectly related to workload

- Oxford Case Complexity Assessment Measure (OCCAM) (Troigros, O., et.al., 2014) Case Mix Index (CMI). Diagnostic and utilization algorithms that are part of the DRG payment system
- Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF)
- · Diagnosis count

Risk: The likelihood in which failure to meet care needs will result in harm or undesired outcomes for the program or stakeholders Braden Score Index risk assessment tool for skin wounds

· Johns Hopkins Fall risk assessment

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Acuity – A Dependent or Independent Variable?

- A DEPENDENT variable: Acuity is determined by objective things like severity of injury, complexity of prescribed care, and the limitations of available equipment. Acuity can also be influenced by intangibles features of the family, institutional risk tolerance, and advanced directives.
- An INDEPENDENT variable: Aggregated across a treatment unit, observed acuity can dictate the hours of staff time devoted to care, or increase the costs of providing service.

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Types of Acuity in Neuro Rehab: Medical Acuity

Definition: Medical Acuity

 The needed coverage and urgency/intensity of clinical service and monitoring required by activities for consumer medical care needs

Measures:

- Vanderbilt University Hospital Acuity Ratings
- Care and Needs Scale (Soo, C., et.al. 2010)
- WIN (Workload Indicator For Nursing)
- Numerous local acuity scales

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Types of Acuity in Neuro Rehab: Behavioral Acuity

Definition: Neurobehavioral Acuity

• Frequency and vigilance required for safety monitoring and behavioral direction due to cognitive and behavioral features

Measures:

- Vanderbilt University Hospital Acuity Ratings
- Supervision Rating Score

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Dimensions of Acuity: Intensity (Urgency)

- What level or speed of response and resources are required to address care needs?
- What is the severity of implications for not addressing the needs in a timely manner?

• Examples:

- Line of sight supervision
- Contact guard assist
- Physical restraintsTwo-person transfer

Dimensions of Acuity: Coverage

- What part of the patient's day and lifestyle is influenced by care needs?
- Typically measured in hours or proportion of time devoted to protective supervision or care.
 - 2 hours of attendant care support
 - Waking hours supervision
 - 1:3 15 min check general supervision
 - PRN assistAssisted living
 - · Structured placement vs. supervised placement

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Related Concepts: Attendant Care -The Provision of Care

Definition:

Attendant Care Coverage

- The degree to which a person requires continuous direct service from an attendant care provider over the dimensions of time, setting, and context to meet all stipulated care needs
- Measures Hours of care/time interval (e.g. 4 hrs 2 times /Day)

Definition: Attendant Care Intensity

- · The quantity, magnitude, vigilance and immediacy of interventions and procedures, and potentially number of caregivers to meet physical care needs
- Measures; Staffing ratios, procedure frequencies, medication intervals, X -person transfers.

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Related Concepts: Supervision -The Capacity to Intervene

Definition:

Protective Supervision Coverage

• The degree to which the a person requires risk monitoring and cognitive assistance for behavior regulation for basic safety over the dimensions of time, setting, and context

Measures:

- Supervision Rating Scale (Boak, 2000)
 Level of care (supervised vs. structured)
- Hours of Service provided

Definition: Protective Supervision Intensity

- · The required level of vigilance responsiveness, and capacity for control required of a risk event.
- Measures
 - Supervision Rating Scale (Boak, 2000)
 Presence of control features, physical capacity for responsiveness, or level of vigilance (check frequencies).
 Locked settings, arms-length proximity, and
- auditory monitoring are examples of intensity specification HOPE NETWORK

Another formulation?

- Medical Acuity: Attendant Care
- Neurobehavioral Acuity: Protective Supervision

There Are a Host of Specialized Options



Hope Network Acuity Scale (HAS) Development

Objectives

- · Meaningful for staffing and workload determination
- · Clinically descriptive of the burden of care
- · Efficiently administered by line supervisory staff
- · Generalizable within Hope Network (Neurobehavioral, Transitional Postacute, Long term care, Community treatment)
- · Applicable to acute care as an admission screening tool
- · Sensitive to the nuances of post-acute rehab care
- · Functional as an outcome measure
- · Robust for research and transferable to other settings (acute care, IRF, home based care)

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Development of the HAS Beta Version

- Literature Search
- · Peer programs
- · Proprietary scales for local use
- · Initial priorities
 - Initial priorities Two factor measure equal part medical and neurobehavioral Ascending scale of acuity (high numbers = high acuity) Suited to the post-acute environment Emphasizing the experience of the direct caregiver Ratings by supervisory caregiver staff at the shift level Clear language at the direct care level Capture attendant and supervisory care needs

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The Two Sides of Acuity in a Brain injury **Environment**

Definition: **Medical Acuity**

- · The frequency of service and monitoring required for care activities for consumer medical needs
- Definition: **Neurobehavioral Acuity** · Frequency and vigilance required
- for protective safety monitoring and behavioral direction due to cognitive and behavioral features

Coverage and intensity concepts apply to both subscales

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Hope Network Acuity Scale (HAS) Items

Medical Acuity

- ADLs/Transfers
- Mobility/Orthotics
- Skilled Care
- Bowel/Bladder Care

Neurobehavioral Acuity Fall Risk

- Aggression
- Confused Behavior
- Precautions

• No Instructions other than

the 1 page document

Researched, but not used:

- High Utilizer
- Safety/Community Interactions

Medical Acuity: ADLs/Transfers

· Global description of assistance needed with ADLs often closely matches the assistance needed with transfers

Independent Can include the independent use of an assistive device. No	SBA/contact guard/set up	Min to Mod assistance 1 staff assist	Max assistance
Can include the independent use of an assistive device. No	d staff sesist	 1 staff assist 	 Use of transfer device
staff assistance • or oversight	Staff assist Staff required intermittently to provide set up, verbal cues or minimal level of physical assistance to complete	 Staff presence required for actual physical assistance (more than a hand on the patient as with CG) 	 Bee of it ansister device or lift Requires 2 or more staff More than 1 staff person needed for physical management of care and/or transfers

Medical Acuity: Mobility/Orthotics

- Global description of physical assistance needed for mobility in primary environment
 Independence is rated AFTER they are transferred to their w/c
 This is not an orientation question

0	1	2	3
 Independent	SBA/Contact	 Moderate Assist, 1-2	 Max Assistance, 2 or
ambulation or	Guard/Device to	staff w/walker or W/C,	more staff with W/C
propelling and	ambulate, Requires	Has a brace schedule	mobility or completely
maneuvering of W/C	AFO to ambulate,	which is followed	dependent for W/C
both inside and	Requires assistance in	during the day or	mobility; Cervical
outside of building	Community	evening	collar, Halo
 Independence is rated	 Ind. w/ walker or AFO,	Actual physical	 >1 staff needed for
after transfer to their	Independent Inside	assistance req.; more	physical management
W/C	building	than CG	of mobility

Medical Acuity: Skilled Care

· How medically complex is the patient? (separate from bowel and bladder

 No wound issues 	Simple dressing changes	Skilled nursing dressing change	Extensive wound care issues/wound clinic
No PEG	 Monitoring of oral intake/food log/calorie counts 	Dysphagia diet	Primary PEG feedings
No BS checks	Non-insulin dependent diabetic	PEG for supplemental hydration	NPO status
No insulin	w/o BS checks	 Non-insulin dependent diabetic with BS checks 	Insulin dependent w/BS checks
 No O2 	 Use of rescues inhaler less than 1 x per time per month 	 s/p cranioplasty within last 6 months 	 s/p craniotomy w/o replacement
No drains or other tubes	Use of incentive spirometry	 Seizure hx longer than 6 months ago w/AFD medication 	 Seizures hx within last 6 months w/AED medication
		Presence of shunt placement longer than	 Shunt placement in last 6 months or shunt reprogramming in last 6 months
		6 month Use of rescue inhaler/Nebulizer PRN	 Uses O2, nebulizer, CPAP/BiPAP on daily basis
		within the last week	Cervical collar, TLSO, HALO, or other fixate
			device
			 Presence of other tubes/drains (i.e. trach, wound drains)
			 Isolation procautions

Medical Acuity: Bowel/Bladder

• This includes patient's level of self-awareness and ability to physically self-manage

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	nt of bowel or or averages 1 ccidents per o manage brief s with set up s with set up c d d d d d d d d d d d d d d d d d d d

all Risk	ADLs/ Transfers	Mobility/ Orthotics	Skilled Care	Bowel/ Bladder	SCORE
2	2	2	1	2	9

		2	
 No current risk for falls No impaired safety awareness 	 Low Risk No current risk for falls but with impaired safety awareness 	 Moderate Risk Use of w/c, bed alarms Hx of falls in the past 3 months 	 High Risk w/c and bed alarms with 1:1 staffing for impulsivity and impaired safety awareness Hx of falls in last mont

Neurobehavioral Acuity: Aggression

· Agitation that is unexpected or occurring outside of planned interventions

No aggression Verbal irritability Significant swearing or others def or others responsive only to specific saft responsive only to specific interventions Requires infrequent verbal interventions Refusals or chromic delays of results responsive only to specific responsive only to specific	0	1	2	3
essential treatment and	No aggression No threats towards self or others	Verbal Intrability Mild swearing Responsive only to specific staff Requires Infrequent verbal interventions	2 Significant swearing • Under-responsive to program direction on the program direction only routines and therapy • Use of physical and verbal direction up to 1-3 times for aggression • Refusals or chronic delays of non-essential treatment	Posturing or verbally threatening imminent harm to self or others Physical aggression towards other patients, staff, or properly Presence of self-injurious behaviors or suicide attempt or active monitoring of risk Frequent use of physical and verbal direction more than 3 times part day for aggression Refusals or chronic delays of essential treatment and

Neurobehavioral Acuity: Confused Behavior



Neurobehavioral Acuity: Precautions

• What level of staffing does the patient require to maintain their physical safety in the building?

No spacial supervision needs Participation 2:1 15 minute checks Fits into 3:1 staffing or less Fits into 3:1 staffing or less Participation 2:1 staffing			2	
	No special supervision needs Fits into 3:1 staffing or less	• 2:1	 15 minute checks Wander guard Requiring cues or interventions for safety (w/c or bed alarms) 	Line of sight or more intense supervision Wander guard with additional intervention protocol In-house therapies only 2:1 travel outside building/campus

2	9
High Utilizer	SCORE
1	9
	Utilizer 1

Initial Roll-Out Procedures

- Test runs for functional utility in our Neurobehavioral unit
- Weekly data from transitional settings for impressions
- Quarterly data on Long-Term Residential including Community Living, establishing scope of functional utility at the log post-acute interval
- · Multiple drafts until consensus on language from the rater pool
- Drafts eventually "Locked Down" for the study.
- Two items were thought relevant, but did not hold up to analysis: High Utilizer
 Safety/ Community interactions

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HAS Interrater Reliability Trial 208 Acuity Scale ratings on 104 consumers were performed A one-way random Intraclass correlation (ICC) is calculated for reliability. This particular ICC is used because there are potentially two different raters for each participant. It is the most conservative ICC. Each consumer had two completed ratings performed on the same day by staff members familiar with the consumer; one by the Residential Supervisor ("designated rater" or A) and one by another ("nondesignated rater" or B) staff member. · B raters: Shift Lead (86.5%) Rehabilitation Technician (5.8%) Nurse (2%) Other staff member (5.8%)

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Interrat	er Re	liabil	itv:			
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Interrater Reliab	ility Trial De	escriptive St	atistics			
	N	Min	Max	Mean	SD	
Rater A Total	104	.00	23.00	7.80	5.73	
Rater A Behavioral	104	.00	12.00	3.83	2.84	
Rater A Medical	104	.00	12.00	3.97	3.61	
Rater B Total	104	.00	23.00	8.16	5.70	
Rater B Behavioral	104	.00	12.00	4.17	3.03	
Rater B Medical	104	.00	12.00	3.99	3.55	
Valid N (list wise)	104					HOPE SCHETWORK



		occincient i	Acuity Total				
	Intraclass	95% Confide	ence Interval	F	Test with	Frue Value (
	Correlation	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Value	df1	df2	Sig
Single Measures	.952	.930	.967	40.44	103	104	.000
One-way random e	ffects model wh	ere people effect	ts are random.				
Table 2. Intracla	ss Correlation	Coefficient -	Medical Acuity	Total			
	Intraclass	95% Confide	ence Interval	F	Test with	Frue Value ()
	Correlation	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Value	df1	df2	Sig
Single Measures	.943	.917	.961	34.037	103	104	.000
One-way random e	ffects model wh	ere people effect	is are random.				
	cc Correlation	Coefficient -	Behavioral Ac	uity Subs	cale		
Table 4. Intracla	ss correlation		95% Confidence Interval		F Test with True Value 0		
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Table 4. Intracla	Intraclass Correlation	95% Confide	ence Interval Upper Bound	F	df1	df2	Sig

Full Dataset (Transitional initial scores and long-term residents) (Used for inter-item correlations and factor analyses) N = 240 Mean age = 48.0 (SD = 15.06; Range = 18 - 87) 66.7 % Male Transitional Dataset (Used for outcome and correlational analyses) N = 105 Mean age = 46.9 (SD = 16.54; Range 18-87) 61% Male Ave LOS 76.7 days (SD = 67.46, range = 11 - 375)

tem Scores: Full Sample Descriptive									
Statistics	Statistics								
	N	Min	Max	Mean	SD	Skew	Kurtosis		
ADLs/Transfers	240	0.00	3.00	1.32	1.07	0.32	-1.12		
Mobility/Orthotics	240	0.00	3.00	1.14	1.07	0.44	-1.09		
Skilled Medical Care	240	0.00	3.00	1.39	1.26	0.16	-1.62		
Bowel/Bladder	240	0.00	3.00	1.02	1.16	0.69	-1.05		
Fall Risk	240	0.00	3.00	1.38	1.02	0.20	-1.07		
Aggression	240	0.00	3.00	0.76	0.87	0.95	0.07		
Confused Behavior	237	0.00	3.00	1.11	0.99	0.34	-1.05		
Precautions	240	0.00	3.00	1.05	1.15	0.42	-1.43		
Medical Total	240	0.00	12.00	4.87	3.76	0.45	-0.90		
Behavioral Total	240	0.00	12.00	4.27	2.94	0.48	-0.56		
Acuity Total	240	0.00	24.00	9.14	5.91	0.41	-0.68	HOPE NETWOR	

Does the test measure what it is supposed to measure? Does it show changes that are meaningful to the concept? Description Description

Construct Validity: Corrected Item – Total	
Correlations for Subscale Items	

Medica	IAcuity: α = .84		Behavi	oral Acuity: α =	.70
	Corrected Item- Total Correlation	Cronbach's Alpha if Item Deleted		Corrected Item- Total Correlation	Cronbach's Alpha if Item Deleted
DLs/Transfers	.79	.75	Fall Risk	.48	.65
obility/Orthotics	.71	.79	Aggression	.30	.74
tilled Medical Care	.55	.87	Confused Behavior	.60	.57
owel/Bladder	.70	.79	Precautions	.59	.57
owel/Bladder	.70	.79	Precautions	.59	

EFA: To	otal V	/arianc	e Ex	plained	
	Factor	Eigenvalue	% of Variance	Cumulative Variance %	
	1	3.89	48.58	48.58	
	2	1.15	14.39	62.97	
	3	0.86	10.69	73.66	
	4	0.63	7.88	81.54	
	5	0.55	6.87	88.41	
	6	0.37	4.56	92.97	
	7	0.34	4.20	97.17	
	8	0.23	2.83	100.00	HOPE



	Fa	ctor	
	1	2	
ADLs/Transfers	.980		
Mobility/Orthotics	.740		
Skilled Medical Care	.595		
Bowel/Bladder	.732		
Fall Risk		.512	
Aggression		.395	
Confused Behavior		.790	
Precautions		.607	



earson Cor	relations	: HAS an	d MPAI	
	Admissic	n		
	Acuity Total	Medical Subscale	Behavioral Subscale	
MPAI Total Score	.799**	.638**	.739**	
MPAI Abilities Score	.701**	.596**	.606**	
MPAI Adjustment Score	.705**	.517**	.704**	
MPAI Participation Score	.787**	.672**	.676**	
	Discharg	je		
	Acuity Total	Medical Subscale	Behavioral Subscale	
MPAI Total Score	.813**	.680**	.768**	
MPAI Abilities Score	.765**	.691**	.668**	
MPAI Adjustment Score	.714**	.532**	.742**	
	814**	706**	744**	







Scores ov	/ Dis	scha	rae	L	ocat	ion			
		Total	Acuity		Medica	I Acuity	Behaviora	I Acuity	
	N	Mean	SD		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
Hospital	7	18.00	3.87		8.00	2.16	10.00	2.38	
SNF	7	15.43	5.53		8.29	3.55	7.14	3.39	
AFC	17	11.29	4.31		6.71	3.12	4.59	2.48	
Supported Living	5	6.20	4.44		4.25	5.44	2.75	1.50	
Living w/ Family (supervision)	49	6.10	4.73		2.92	2.90	3.18	2.86	
Independent Living	18	3.06	2.15		2.12	1.67	1.06	1.00/	
Other	2	4.50	0.71		1.50	0.71	3.00	0.00	





Discriminant Validity: HAS Scores at Discharge by Discharge Placement



Possible Future Studies

- Relationships to rank-ordering of patients
- Relationships to objective supervision provided (forthcoming)
- Relationships to any other measure of perceived workload
- Relationships to Fall documentation (forthcoming)
- Relationships to all Incident Reports
- Relationships to program costs
- Relate to E scores, ABS scores, or Dementia screening tools (MOCA)

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Uses of An Acuity Measure

- · Staffing levels in individual and congregate settings
- Supervision and attendant care determination
- Thresholds for placement decisions
- Quantifying risk response implications
- · Determining program costs and pricing



Uses of An Acuity Measure (cont.)

- Outcome measure

 - Acuity is a discharge criteria "No 1:1, No Alarms"
 Aftercare planning element "Requires 16 hours waking hours supervision"
 Benchmark for a successful outcome "Discharged with independence for self-care"
- Acuity is a proxy for recovery of independence
- The patient is reducing the help they need from a provider.

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	Avera	ige MPAI-4 T	Score	Average	HAS Score	FY 2018
Clinical Pathway (n)	Admit	Discharge	Change	Admit	Discharge	Change
Transitional Neuro Rehab (45)	51.7	42.3	9.4	10.0 (37)	5.9 (37)	4.1
Med & Cog Complex Neuro Rehab (13)	68.3	53.4	14.92	17.9 (8)	13.4 (8)	4.5
Transitional Neuro Rehab - 6 Mo Post (8)	56.4	51.3	5.1	5.2 (5)	6.4 (5)	-1.2
Social Behavioral Neuro Rehab (4)	60.8	56.3	4.5	13 (2)	14.5 (2)	-1.5
Medical Transitional Rehab (19)	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.3 (12)	6 (12)	2.3
Grand Total (89)	55.8 (70)	46.1 (70)	9.7 (70)	10.4 (64)	7.2 (64)	2.9

Changes in Acuity Admission to Discharge by Clinical Pathway Instituted Program -Distribution of Overall H.A.S. Change by Pathway (N=11) Medical Transitional (Program) (N=11) Medical (Progra



What Happens to Acuity in Post-Acute Residential Placement?

- 4% Acuity Increased (got worse)
- 12% Acuity remained or increased by 1
- 84% Acuity Decreased by >1 (got better)

Why does acuity increase? • Some people get worse.

- Some people become more active as they get better and emerge into agitation or impulsivity risks.
- New interventions and medications may reflect progress, but increase care complexity. (e.g. Serial Casting)
 It is more complex and time consuming to assist some alert, complex patients
- It is more complex and time consuming to assist some alert, complex patients than provide efficient total care.







Ideas for Further Development in **Applications**

- · Inclusion in initial assessment for placement and clinical pathway consideration Program placement
 Staffing considerations (1:1)
- · Setting staffing profiles
- Rate Setting (Acuity + Clinical Pathway = Individual Service Profile prediction)
- Use as an outcome measure (already underway...)
- · Use to understand the timing of longitudinal change
- Use as a discharge planning criteria

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HOPE NETWORK ACUITY SCALE (HAS)

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The Hope Network Acuity Scale (HAS) is a behavioral rating scale that quantifies the care workload associated with the support and supervision of adults living with brain injury, within a post-acute transitional residential setting.

Case #:	Patient Name:		Rater Name:				
Date:	Residential Location:		Rater Role:				
Rating Interval:	Pre-Admit: Admit:	Interval (see note below): Weekly: 🔲 Monthly: 🔲 Qua	Discharge:	Other:			
Circle areas that apply for each acuity type; should represent the patient's consistent presentation for the reporting period. Each acuity type is scored from a "0," indicating no care needs associated with that acuity, to a "3," indicating significant care needs.							
MEDICAL RATING:	0	1	2	3	SCORES		
ADLs/TRANSFERS Global description of assistance needed	Independent; can include independent use of assistive device; no staff assistance or oversight	SBA/contact guard/set up; 1 staff assist; staff required at times to set up, cue, or minimal physical assistance to complete	Minimum to moderate assist, 1 staff assist; staff required for physical assistance — more than hand on patient as CG	Maximum assist; use of transfer device; requires 2 or more staff; 1+ person needed for physical management of care and/or transfers			
MOBILITY/ORTHOTICS Global description of physical assistance needed for mobility in primary environment; independence is rated after transfer to W/C; Not related to orientation	Independent ambulation or independent propelling and maneuvering of W/C both in and out of building	SBA/contact guard; independently uses device to ambulate (i.e. walker, cane); requires AFO to ambulate	Minimum to moderate assistance, 1 staff with walker or W/C; brace schedule requires staff monitoring; staff presence required for physical assistance — more than hand on patient as CG	Maximum assist 2 or more staff with walker; completely dependent for mobility in W/C; 1+ staff needed for physical management of mobility or significant medical devices for stabilization			
SKILLED MEDICAL CARE Separate from bowel/bladder management	No wounds; no PEG; no BS checks; no insulin; no oxygen; no drains or tubes	Simple dressing changes; monitoring of oral intake/food log/calories; non-insulin dependent diabetic; no BS checks; use of inhaler less than 1x/month; use of incentive spirometry	Skilled nursing dressing change; dysphagia diet; PEG for supplemental hydration; non- insulin dependent diabetic with BS checks; status post cranioplasty in last 6 months; seizure Hx longer than 6 months with AED meds; presence of shunt placement longer than 6 months; use of inhaler/ nebulizer PRN in last week	Extensive wound care/clinic; primary PEG feeding; NPO status; insulin dependent with BS checks, craniotomy without replacement; seizure Hx in last 6 months with AED meds; shunt placement or reprogramming in last 6 months; uses oxygen, nebulizer, CPAP/ BiPAP daily; cervical collar, TLSO, halo, or other fixator, presence of tubes/drains; isolation precautions			
BOWEL/BLADDER Patient's level of awareness and ability to physically self-manage	Continent and fully independent with both bowel and bladder; no presence of tubes, drains or other services	Continent of bowel and bladder with cues and/or assistance with brief, clothing, and clean-up management; self-caths independently	Incontinent of bowel and bladder or average of 1+ accidents per shift; 1-2 staff management of brief changes; self-caths with set up assistance	Incontinent of bowel and bladder; requires staff management of catheter, presence of col/urostomy; bowel program ordered with more than oral meds; 2+ staff for care management			
				MEDICAL RATING TOTAL:			

BEHAVIORAL RATING:	0	1	2	3	SCORES
FALL RISK Global description of unplanned descents to floor	No current risk; no impaired safety awareness	Low risk; no current risk for falls but with impaired safety awareness	Moderate risk; use of W/C or bed alarms; Hx of falls in the past 3 months	High risk; W/C and bed alarms with 1:1 staffing for impulsivity and impaired safety awareness; Hx of falls in last month	
AGGRESSION Agitation, anger, or irritability that is unexpected or occurring outside of planned interventions	No aggression; no threats toward self or others	Verbal irritability; mild swearing; responsive only to specific staff; requires infrequent verbal interventions	Significant swearing; under-responsive to program direction on care, scheduled activity routines, and therapy; use of physical and verbal direction 1-3 times/day for aggression; refusals or chronic delays of non-essential treatment	Posturing or verbally threatening imminent harm to self or others; physical aggression towards others or property; presence of self- harm behavior or suicide risk; frequent use of physical and verbal direction 3+ times/day for aggression	
CONFUSED BEHAVIOR Areas of concern related to orientation and participation in care routines and demands of environment	No impairments or non-contributory (alert and oriented x4)	Readily redirectable; behavior present but doesn't significantly interfere with therapies or routines, requires infrequent verbal intervention for safety	Difficult to redirect at times; behavior interferes with therapies or care in a timely fashion; may require extra time or staffing present to complete care; not attending to pressing personal care needs; confused wandering at facility; requires frequent verbal or physical intervention for safety 1-3 times/day	Persistently difficult to redirect; uncontrolled or constant impulsive behaviors 3+/hour; refusal or unawareness of basic care needs placing patient at risk for safety or medical complexities; pulling at or self/removal of tubes/drains; use of mitts/abdominal binder on a scheduled behavior program; refuses medical devices; requires monitoring for likely AWOL/flight related to confusion; requires verbal or physical intervention for redirection 3+/day	
PRECAUTIONS Specialized supervision; support provisions	No special supervision needs; fits into 1:3 staff to patient ratio or less	1:2 staff to patient ratio	15-minute checks; requires cues or interventions for safety (W/C or bed alarms); wander guard	Line of sight or more intense supervision; wander guard with additional intervention protocol; in-house therapies only; 2 staff for travel outside of building/campus	
				BEHAVIORAL RATING TOTAL:	
				COMBINED TOTAL:	

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS		Hope Network Neuro Rehabilitation
AED = Anti-Epileptic Drugs	NPO = Nothing by Mouth	1490 East Beltline SE
AF0 = Ankle-Foot Orthosis	PEG = Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy	Grand Rapids, MI 49506 855 707 7575
BiPAP = Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure	PRN = As Needed	055.407.7575
BS = Blood Sugar	SBA = Stand by Assist	www.hopenetworkrehab.org
CG = Contact Guard	S/P = Status Post	© Hope Network 2018
CPAP = Continuous Positive Airway Pressure	TLS0 = Thoracic Lumbar Sacral Orthosis	and the Excellent
Hx = Medical History	W/C = Wheelchair	
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