

Tips for bedside aphasia evaluation



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Aphasia is an acquired neurogenic language disorder, which should be differentiated from other neurogenic speech problems or communication disorders such as dysarthria, apraxia of speech, or cognitive communication disorders. Bedside evaluations for the patients with aphasia have time-, effort-, and cost-saving effects but those tests have some limitations too. Therefore, it is important to set clear protocol established for a specific purpose of evaluations. The use of standard screening tests is one of the effective ways to obtain equivalent results. However, many experienced clinicians often use informal processes to assess the nature and severity of linguistic or communicative impairments of those patients. The principles of aphasia evaluation in each modality of language need to be discussed.

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