

Clinical Reasoning with Dick

W9 Patient Interview Form: Dick

This is a good assignment for the more advanced student. The student must relay on their own observation skills – there is no narration included.

1. **Describe your general impression of Dick. Include level of awareness and his ability to establish eye contact and turn toward his involved side.**

During most of the interview Dick looks straight ahead. There does not appear to be a visual field deficit or neglect, however. He does occasionally turn toward Jan to respond to a question. No cognitive deficits noted. He does brace himself as he sits.

2. **How does Dick describe the onset of his stroke? Include sequence of events (hospitalizations) and any physical limitations.**

Dick recalls the events fairly clearly. He was in the acute hospital for 4 days and then transferred to rehab. He spent 2 weeks in rehab and returned home to begin outpatient therapy.

3. **Describe Dick's ability to communicate. Any problems related to his ability to understand verbal communication or respond to questions?**

No noticeable problems. He speaks somewhat slowly (he may have before his stroke, too).

4. **How does Dick describe his problem areas? (as he explains during the interview).**

He is frustrated while working out of his home office. He reports that he works too slowly and inefficiently. He has difficulty stabilizing the paper while writing reports. He makes mistakes and has to start all over.

5. **Name two functional activities that Dick wants to do independently.**

He wants to garden (mow the lawn), do his office work and go to a baseball game.

6. **How does Dick describe the sensation or "feeling" in his left hand?**

He says the right and left hands feel about the same, no sensory disturbances.