

Questions to ask when choosing a: NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST

For Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

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When choosing a neuropsychologist to fit the needs of an individual who has sustained a traumatic brain injury, knowing what to ask can help you make the best possible selection. The checklist below is a good place to start. Check each box that can be answered with a "yes." The neuropsychologist who receives the most checkmarks is likely to be the best choice for your loved one. Additional considerations and space for notes are listed below.

| | Dr. Name/Notes | Dr. Name/Notes | Dr. Name/Notes |
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| CRITERIA FOR NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST | | | |
| Are you a PhD or PsyD and a licensed psychologist? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are you a Board certified neuropsychologist? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you accept my insurance? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have extensive experience treating individuals with brain injury? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you perform neuropsychological evaluations? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you incorporate an assessment of the patient's medical, psychological and social history into the evaluation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you interpret the results of your evaluation based on data from brain injury populations? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Will you be conducting the testing? If not, who will conduct the testing and are they a neuropsychologist? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Will you meet with me to discuss the outcome of the evaluation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Will you provide me with a written summary of the evaluation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Will the evaluation specify how long it will take to meet program goals? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Will you provide progress reports on a regular basis? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you provide cognitive rehabilitation? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you address emotional or behavioral issues related to brain injury? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Can you provide references from previous patients? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TOTALS: | | | |
| ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS | | | |
| How long does the neuropsychological evaluation take? (A good neuropsychological evaluation should take approx. 8-10 hours.) | | | |
| What kinds of therapy will be included in the course of treatment? | | | |
| Notes: | | | |

