

Questions to ask when choosing a: NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST

For Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

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
CRITERIA FOR NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST			
Are you a PhD 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"/>
Are your assessment instruments based on people with brain injury?	<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"/>
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:			