



Occupational Therapy Evaluation Services for Dementia Patients

Dementia Evaluation

Marquette General Health System and other UP hospital therapy departments working together with the Memory Loss Program are able to provide an Activities of Daily Living (ADL) Evaluation to assist the physician in deciding levels of independence and assist the caregiver by recommending levels of care required for the patient. The evaluation includes:

- ❖ **Home Safety Screen** – a “hands-on” test to determine a patient’s ability to identify and safely correct potential hazards.
- ❖ **Cognitive Leather Lacing Test** – a test to determine concentration, learning, and problem solving skills.
- ❖ **Cognitive Performance Test** – a test of routine daily living tasks that relate to a cognitive ability level.
- ❖ **A summary** – of problem areas and suggestions for supervision, assistance, and possible changes needed to provide the safest living situation for the dementia patient.

Types of Recommendations Provided

- ❖ Amount of supervision the patient needs such as daily checks or 24-hour supervision.
- ❖ Activities the patient should continue to perform or be encouraged to perform.
- ❖ Types of verbal or physical assistance or guidance the caregiver should provide.
- ❖ Safety concerns that should be restricted or avoided, such as driving, cooking, machinery use, community involvement, or employment.
- ❖ Possible activities to help maintain level of function.

A physician’s referral is required for the evaluation and the service is billed to insurance companies as an Occupational Therapy Evaluation.

Occupational Therapy.....Skills for the job of living.

Occupational Therapy (OT) is a health care profession that evaluates and treats various conditions to improve the ability to do everyday activities of daily life. OT uses activities meaningful to the patient to improve strength, coordination, movement, thinking skills, emotional well-being, and safety to be as independent as possible. OT assists patients and family members with changes needed in the living situation, different ways of doing daily activities, and/or tests patient’s safety awareness.

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