



TRANSDISCIPLINARY INITIAL NEUROLOGICAL SCREENING ASSESSMENT (TINSA)

Unit Record No. \_\_\_\_\_
Surname \_\_\_\_\_
Given Names \_\_\_\_\_
DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

AFFIX PATIENT IDENTIFICATION LABEL HERE

Admitting diagnosis/investigations:

History of presenting condition:

Medical history:

Assessment completed with:

Social History

Living arrangement: [ ] Alone [ ] Partner/Family [ ] Other:
Carer role: [ ] Provides care [ ] Receives care [ ] Suspected carer stress
Details (who/how much support):

Formal services: [ ] Yes [ ] No Details:

[ ] Refer to SW (e.g. lack of support, complex social situation, suspected carer stress, advanced care planning)

Previous Level of Function and Activity Participation

Occupation: [ ] Full-time [ ] Part-time [ ] Retired Details:

Education level:

Mobility/transfers: [ ] Independent [ ] SBA [ ] Assist

Falls in last 12 months: [ ] Yes [ ] No Reason:

Eating/diet: [ ] Independent [ ] SBA [ ] Assist (normal/modified; dentition)

Toileting/continence: [ ] Independent [ ] SBA [ ] Assist

Dressing: [ ] Independent [ ] SBA [ ] Assist

Showering: [ ] Independent [ ] SBA [ ] Assist

Meal prep: [ ] Independent [ ] SBA [ ] Assist

Shopping: [ ] Independent [ ] SBA [ ] Assist

Cleaning: [ ] Independent [ ] SBA [ ] Assist

Laundry: [ ] Independent [ ] SBA [ ] Assist

Gardening: [ ] Independent [ ] SBA [ ] Assist

Medication: [ ] Independent [ ] SBA [ ] Assist

Finances: [ ] Independent [ ] SBA [ ] Assist

Driving: [ ] Yes [ ] No Alternate transport:

Leisure/exercise regime:

Home Environment

Housing: [ ] House [ ] Unit [ ] Townhouse [ ] Retirement village [ ] RACF [ ] Other:

Ownership: [ ] Owner [ ] Rented [ ] Department of Housing [ ] Other:

Stairs: Front - rails ascending: [ ] Left [ ] Right Back - rails ascending: [ ] Left [ ] Right
Internal - rails ascending: [ ] Left [ ] Right Side - rails ascending: [ ] Left [ ] Right

Ground level rooms:

Upstairs rooms:

Bathroom: [ ] Shower recess [ ] Bath [ ] Shower over bath [ ] Hob [ ] Rails [ ] HHSH [ ] FSH [ ] Door [ ] Curtain
Equipment:

Toilet: [ ] In bathroom [ ] Separate [ ] Rails [ ] Equipment:

Other equipment: Personal alarm: [ ] Yes [ ] No

Previous OT home visit: [ ] Yes [ ] No If YES, details:

Cognition

Documented/reported history of cognitive impairment? [ ] Yes [ ] No If YES, details:

MSQ: /10 [ ] Day [ ] Date [ ] Month [ ] Year [ ] DOB [ ] Age [ ] Address [ ] Location [ ] PM [ ] PPM

Insight into deficits: [ ] Yes [ ] Partial [ ] No

Comments:



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**Communication**

Hearing aids?  Nil  Left  Right  ALD required Primary language: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Has your speech changed recently (e.g. slurred)?  Yes  No  
 If YES, details: \_\_\_\_\_  
 New difficulties thinking of words, reading, writing, understanding what people say?  Yes  No  
 If YES, details: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have your family/friends noticed any changes with your communication/language?  Yes  No  
 If YES, details/changes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Informal communication screen**

Observations: language in conversation	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 1 = Normal language <input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 = Able to speak in sentences but word finding difficulties evident <input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 = Speaking only in single words or short phrases – can communicate basic needs/wants <input type="checkbox"/> Level 4 = Very limited or no verbal output – unable to communicate basic needs/wants <input type="checkbox"/> Level 5 = Nonsensical or no verbal output – unable to communicate basic needs/wants
Naming/word retrieval	<i>Name the following objects that I point to:</i> Bed _____ Glass/cup _____ Elbow _____ Light _____ Pillow _____ Correct: /5
Auditory verbal communication (yes/no questions)	<i>I'm going to ask you some questions, answer yes or no.</i> 1. Is your name Smith? 2. Is your name _____? (say patient's last name) 3. Are the lights on in this room? 4. Is the door/curtain closed? 5. Does March come before June? Correct: /5
Speech clarity	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Impaired but easy to understand <input type="checkbox"/> Impaired and difficult to understand Comments: _____
Observations: pragmatics	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced eye contact <input type="checkbox"/> Flat facial expression/voice <input type="checkbox"/> Poor conversation turn taking/initiation Other: _____

**Sheffield Screening Test for Acquired Language Disorders – Receptive skills**

1. Verbal comprehension of single words <i>I'm going to ask you to point to some of the things in the room...</i> Door _____ Light _____ Chair _____ Ceiling _____ Corner _____	/1
2. Comprehension of sequential command a. point to the window and then to the door /1 b. before pointing to the ceiling, touch the chair/bed /1	/2
3. Comprehension of a complex command <i>Tap the chair/bed twice with a clenched fist, while looking at the ceiling.</i>	/1

**Stop communication assessment HERE and refer to SP if:**  NESB  
 Scores 3–5 in language in conversation  Scores <5/5 naming  Scores <5/5 yes/no questions  
 Speech clarity "impaired and difficult to understand"  Unable to follow 1 stage command

4. Recognition of differences in meaning between words <i>I'm going to read you a list of words and I want you to tell me which is the odd one out...</i> a. chicken, duck, apple, turkey Response: _____ /1 b. run, drink, walk, sprint Response: _____ /1 c. small, large, massive, huge Response: _____ /1	/3
5. Comprehension of Narrative a. <i>I'm going to read you a short paragraph and then ask you a question about it.</i> "John went to the shop to buy a pen. When he got there he found that he had forgotten his wallet, so he came home and made himself a cup of tea. What should he have taken with him?" Response: _____ /1 b. <i>I'm going to read you another paragraph.</i> "Mrs Smith visited several shops. She bought a newspaper, a cauliflower, a stamp and some sausages. What was the second shop she visited?" Response: _____ /1	/2
<b>Total receptive skills score</b>	<b>/9</b>

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**Communication** (continued)

**Sheffield Screening Test for Acquired Language Disorders – Expressive skills**

6. Word Finding Tell me the names of three well-known places (in the client's home town). Response: _____	/1
7. Abstract word finding Tell me another word that means the same as: a. beautiful Response: _____ /1 b. angry Response: _____ /1 c. ridiculous Response: _____ /1	/3
8. Sequencing Describe how you would make a cup of tea. Response: _____ /1 A correct answer contains two or more appropriate stages in the right order.	/1
9. Definitions Describe what the following words mean: a. home Response: _____ /1 b. search Response: _____ /1 c. ambitious Response: _____ /1	/3
10. Verbal reasoning I'd like you to tell me: a. why you would use an umbrella Response: _____ /1 b. why people go on holiday Response: _____ /1 c. what would you do if you were locked out of the house Response: _____ /1	/3
<b>Total expressive skills score</b>	<b>/11</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Below normal <input type="checkbox"/> ≥ Normal (age 59 and under ≥17; age 60–69 ≥16; age 70 and over ≥15)	<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>
	<b>/20</b>

Overall impression, communication is:

Functional and no changes identified

Functional but deficits observed or reported, **SP review indicated**

Not functional or restricted communication, **URGENT SP review indicated**

**Refer to SP for communication** (reports changes; observed deficits in informal communication screen; stop and refer prompt ticked; below norm or unable to complete Sheffield)

**Swallowing**

Dysphagia screen completed by:  Nursing  SP  Neither Outcome:  Pass  Fail

Current diet/fluids: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you noticed any difficulties with your swallowing?  Yes  No If YES, details: \_\_\_\_\_

Drizzling or pooling secretions observed?  Yes  No If YES, details: \_\_\_\_\_

**Refer to SP for swallowing**

**Vision and Perception**

Glasses: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Visual tracking: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact <input type="checkbox"/> Impaired	
Blurry vision: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Convergence: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact <input type="checkbox"/> Impaired	
Diplopia: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Visual field: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact <input type="checkbox"/> Impaired (indicate →)	
Nystagmus: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Visuospatial neglect: <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Reading: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact <input type="checkbox"/> Impaired		

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Refer to OT for:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Respiratory Assessment**

Medical history:  Asthma  COPD  Bronchiectasis  Active lung cancer  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Shortness of breath:  Yes  No Difficulty breathing:  Yes  No

Phlegm/mucus:  Yes  No Cough on command:  Strong  Weak

RR 9–20 bpm: \_\_\_\_\_ SpO<sub>2</sub> >95% (>85% for COPD): \_\_\_\_\_

**Safe to proceed to mobility assessment?**  Yes  No

If NO, reason:  Shortness of breath  Difficulty breathing  SpO<sub>2</sub> ≤95% (≤85% for COPD)

**Refer to PT for review** (medical history; "yes" to any question; weak cough; RR or SpO<sub>2</sub> outside range)

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**Upper and Lower Limbs**

Dominance:  Left  Right      Affected limb(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hypertonicity:  Left  Right  No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Oedema:  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ Pain (VAS): \_\_\_\_\_

Limb	ROM/MMT		Light touch sensation		Proprioception	
	Left	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right
Upper limb						
Lower limb						

**Coordination**

FNF:  Intact  Impaired – details: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Diadochokinesis:  Intact  Impaired – details: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Heel-shin slide\*:  Intact  Impaired – details: *\*Do not complete if poor skin integrity* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Foot-tapping:  Intact  Impaired – details: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sensorimotor neglect:  No  Left  Right  
 Shoulder precautions required?  Yes  No  
 If YES:  Left  Right  "Support my arm" band provided  Collar and Cuff provided  Positioning charts provided  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Safe to proceed to mobility assessment?  Yes  No      If NO, reason:  Cognition  Neglect  LL < 3/5  LL ataxia

Refer to  OT  PT for: \_\_\_\_\_

**Functional Mobility Assessment**

**Vestibular screen** Vestibular Screening Tool (VST): \_\_\_\_\_ /8 *\*Stop and refer to PT if VST ≥4/8 (do not complete mobility assessment)*

**Vital signs** SBP (mmHg): \_\_\_\_\_ HR (BMP): \_\_\_\_\_ Temperature (°C): \_\_\_\_\_

Check observation chart for usual SBP if:  SBP <110mmHg  SBP >160mmHg

Medical clearance if:  SBP <90mmHg  SBP >180mmHg  HR <40bpm  HR >120bpm

*Stop and refer to PT if:*  SBP drops ≥20mmHg with change of position  Fevers/>38.5°C

**Current LOF**

Bed mobility:  Independent  SBA  Assist *\*Stop and refer to PT if "assist"* \_\_\_\_\_

Sitting balance:  Independent  SBA  Assist *\*Stop and refer to PT if "SBA"/"assist"* \_\_\_\_\_

Transfers:  Independent  SBA  Assist *\*Stop and refer to PT if "assist"/new aid* \_\_\_\_\_

Standing balance:  Independent  SBA  Assist *\*Stop and refer to PT if "assist"/new aid* \_\_\_\_\_

Mobility:  Independent  SBA  Assist *\*Stop and refer to PT if "assist"/new aid* \_\_\_\_\_

**10 meter walk test (10MWT)** Steps: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ Step length: \_\_\_\_\_ Velocity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Timed up and go (TUG)** Time: \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ Mobility aid: \_\_\_\_\_

Refer to PT      Below normal:  10MWT  TUG

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**Mood**

I'm going to show you some words and pictures, can you pick the one(s) that describes or looks like how you are feeling?

- Angry     Scared     Worried     Overwhelmed     Sad     Alone     Vulnerable  
 Neutral     Calm     Safe     Positive     Happy     Hopeful

Do you have any stressors or worries while you stay in hospital?     Yes     No

If YES, details: .....

- Affect observations:     Elated     Teary     Flat/low mood     Anxious     Restless/agitated/fidgety     Avoids eye contact     Dismissive/passive  
 Other (specify): .....

**Refer to SW** (e.g. anxiety/depression, psychosocial stressors, clinician concerns, incongruent self-report vs. affect observations)

**Other observations** (e.g. fatigue, patient concerns)

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**Summary of Assessment and Plan**

Allied Health clinical impressions:

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**Referrals**

- OT:**    Cognitive assessment (if confirmed TIA/stroke) .....
- PT:** .....
- SP:** .....
- SW:** .....
- Other:** .....

Rehabilitation candidate:     Yes     No     Further assessment required

Safe to discharge:     Yes     No

Name: _____	Designation: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____	Time (24hr): _____
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