

Competency Profile for Speech-Language Pathologists Conducting Insurer Examinations

It is recognized that speech-language pathology assessment and treatment plans need to be reviewed by other speech-language pathologists due to the unique skill set in this regulated health profession. It is also recognized that speech-language pathologists providing such second opinions must have a high degree of knowledge and expertise. OSLA therefore strongly recommends that insurers, IE companies and law firms ask potential speech-language pathology assessors to provide evidence of qualifications in the following areas:

Minimum Qualifications

- Master's degree (or equivalent) in Speech-Language Pathology
- Registered with the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario
- Minimum of 5 years experience treating individuals with acquired brain injury in the community
- Current practice treating individuals with acquired brain injury (at least 25% of clinical time spent on brain injury)
- Has a working knowledge of the CASLPO Preferred Practice Guidelines for Cognitive-Communication Disorders
- Has a working knowledge of the OSLA Assessment Guidelines for Cognitive-Communication Disorders and the OSLA Treatment Guidelines for Cognitive-Communication Disorders
- Has a working knowledge of the Statutory Accident Benefits Schedule (SABS)

Additional Qualifications

- Member of OSLA's auto insurance and acquired brain injury interest groups
- Completion of OSLA's Cognitive-Communication Post Graduate Course, Level 1
- Completion of OSLA's Cognitive-Communication Post Graduate Course, Level 2
- Attendance at topic-specific clinical conferences and seminars (e.g., memory, problem-solving, discourse, coma, etc.)
- Attendance at talks given by acquired brain injury survivors and caregivers
- Attendance at conferences specific to auto insurance regulations
- Participation in Brain Injury associations
- Completion of presentations in areas related to cognitive-communication disorders
- Participation in research in areas related to cognitive-communication disorders

For the convenience of: insurers, IE companies, law firms and the general public, OSLA maintains a database of assessors who have chosen to submit evidence on these parameters. Should you require a speech-language pathologist to complete Insurer Examinations, please contact OSLA at 416-920-



3676, 800-718-6752 or mail@osla.on.ca and we will send you the profiles of three assessors in your geographic area free of charge. Should you already have a speech-language pathologist on your roster and would like to find out if they are on the OSLA roster, or would like a copy of their profile, OSLA will provide that free of charge as well. Please note that this is a competency roster of IE assessors only. There are many treating providers who also have these qualifications, but who do not complete IEs.

Reviewed by CASLPO June 2010

OSLA'S INSURER EXAMINATION ROSTER - COMPETENCY PROFILE

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CITY LOCATED IN:

DATE COMPLETED:

DATE(S) UPDATED:

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June 7, 2010