

NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING: APPLICATIONS FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF BOTH ORGANIC (BRAIN DAMAGE/OBS) AND FUNCTIONAL (PSYCHOLOGICAL) DISORDERS

I. Introduction to Clinical Neuropsychology

- A. Pre-Scientific
 - 1. Descartes
 - 2. Spurzheimer/Gall
- B. Scientific
 - 1. Goldstein
 - 2. Luria
 - 3. Halstead/Reitan
 - 4. Golden
 - 5. Promise for the Future

II. Introduction to the Nervous System

- A. Basic Neuroanatomy
 - 1. Cell Neurons
 - 2. Neural Structure
 - a. Soma
 - b. Dendrites
 - c. Axons
 - d. Synapses
 - 3. Neural Functioning
 - a. Chemical
 - b. Electrical
- B. Nervous System Structure
 - 1. Nerves and Systems
 - a. Anatomical vs. Behavioral Systems
 - 2. Peripheral Nervous System
 - a. Sensory
 - b. Motor
 - 3. Central Nervous System
 - a. Spinal Cord
 - b. Brain

- (1). Brain Stem
 - (a). Medulla
 - (b). Pons
 - (c). Midbrain
 - (d). Diencephalon
- (2). Cerebral Cortex
 - (a). Occipital Lobe
 - (b). Parietal Lobe
 - (c). Temporal Lobe
 - (d). Frontal Lobe

III. Introduction to Neuropathology

- A. Brain Damage
 - 1. Basic Cellular Lesions
 - a. Neuronal Lesions
 - b. Non-neuronal Lesions

- 2. Basic Tissue Lesions
 - a. Atrophy/Age
 - b. Vascular
 - c. Tumors
 - d. Other Diseases
- B. Mental Retardation
 - 1. Genetic
 - 2. Prenatal
 - 3. Delivery
 - 4. Postnatal
- C. Differences Between Brain Damage and Mental Retardation
 - 1. Onset of Damage
 - 2. Behaviors Involved

IV. Introduction to Psychometrics

- A. Basic Concepts
 - 1. Human Differences
 - 2. Variables Measured

- a. Physical

- b. Physiological

- c. Psychological

B. Description

- 1. Distributions

- 2. Statistics

- C. Test-Oriented Measurements

- 1. Norm-Reference Scores

- 2. Derived Scores

- 3. Reliability and Validity

V. Instruments in Clinical Neuropsychology

A. Interview

- 1. Information

- a. Demographic (both premorbid and morbid)

- (1) Age

- (2) Education

- (3) Marital Status

- (4) Employment

- (5) Social Relationships

- (6) Handedness

- b. Presenting Problem

- (1) Patient/Client Derived Information

- (2) Referral Source Derived Information

- c. Non-Verbal

- (1) Grooming

- (2) Hygiene

- (3) Dress

- (4) Eye Contact

- (5) Motor Movements

- (6) Cooperativeness

- d. Clues to Possible Brain Damage

- (1) Physical Problems

- (a) Medical Complications

- (b) Bladder Control

- (c) . Sensation Loss
 - (d) . Impaired Movements
 - (e) . Sexual Incapacity
 - (2) . Psychological Problems
 - (a) . Language
 - (b) : Cognition
 - (c) . Memory
 - (d) . Affect
 - (e) . Drive
 - (f) . Social Skills
- B. Individual Tests
1. Intellectual
 - a. Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale - Revised
 - b. Other Briefer Tests - e.g. Beta
 2. Visomotor
 - a. Bender - Gestalt
 - b. Hooper
 - c. Trail-making
 3. Memory
 - a. Visual Retention Test
 - b. Graham-Kendall Memory for Designs
 4. Cognitive
 - a. Proverbs Test
 - b. Whittaker Index of Schizophrenic Thinking
 5. Orientation
 - a. General Orientation
 - b. Time Orientation
 6. Verbal
 - a. Token
 - b. Reitan - Indiana Aphasia Test
 7. Perceptual
 - a. Minnesota Paper Form Board Test
 - b. Seashore
 8. Personality
 - a. Projective - Rorschach
 - b. Objective - MMPI
- C. Batteries
1. Problems with Individual Tests (and solutions with batteries)
 - a. Limited Scope
 - b. Reliability and Comparison
 - c. Knowledge of Test Administration
 2. Neuropsychological Batteries
 - a. Scope
 - (1) . Breadth
 - (2) . Reliable
 - b. Type
 - (1) . Halstead - Reitan
 - (2) . Luria-Nebraska
 3. Luria Derived Tests
 - a. Luria's Non-Psychometric Techniques (≈ 60)
 - b. Christensen's Version (≈ 75)
 - c. Clinical Neuropsychological Screening Instrument (≈ 79)
 - d. Luria-Nebraska Neuropsychological Battery (≈ 80)

4. Luria-Nebraska Neuropsychological Battery

a. General

- (1) . 14 Scales
- (2) . 269 Items
- (3) . Scored 0,1,2
- (4) . Empirically Interpreted

b. Scales

- (1) . Motor (51)
- (2) . Rhythm and Speech (12)
- (3) . Tactile and Kinesthetic (22)
- (4) . Visual Functions (14)
- (5) . Receptive Language (33)
- (6) . Expressive Language (42)
- (7) . Writing (13)
- (8) . Reading (13)
- (9) . Arithmetic (22)
- (10) . Memory (13)
- (11) . Intelligence (35)
- (12) . Pathognomonic (34 - Derived)
- (13) . Left Hemisphere (21 - Derived)
- (14) . Right Hemisphere (21 - Derived)

c. Administration

- (1) . Systematic Variation
- (2) . Time (1½ - 2½ Hours)
- (3) . Materials (cards, tape, misc.,....)

d. Scoring

- (1) . Dimensions
- (a) . Time
- (b) . Frequencies
- (c) . Quality

(2) . Values

- (a) . of 50 = Normal Baseline
- (b) . Baseline Can Be Altered With Changes in Education

e. Interpretation

- (1) . Scale Interpretation
- (a) . 2 + Scales
- (b) . Individual Scales
- (2) . Item Analysis
- (3) . Pattern/Localization
- (a) . Cerebral Cortex
- (b) . Subcortical