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First Steps Towards Recovery From Brain Injury

In the earliest stages of recovery, survivors and family members are often bewildered. Serving as a fundamental curriculum, this easy-to-read book presents 10 “lessons” addressing their many concerns. First Steps Towards Recovery provides practical strategies for compensating and adjusting to common difficulties. Clinicians can use this curriculum to effectively educate patients and caregivers about orientation, attention, memory, sleep, behavioral, emotional, and self-confidence problems. This book also provides self-assessment tools and skill building exercises. Designed for inpatient rehabilitation settings, the curriculum can be implemented in an individual or group format. This 69-page, illustrated book has been recommended as a “must read” by professionals and survivors.


Life after brain injury is often a tremendous adjustment. For ten years, our "Guide for Survivors" has provided a practical, easy-to-read resource to address day-to-day issues faced by many people with brain injury. That’s why we’re so excited to introduce the Second Edition, expanded and revised to cover even more topics of interest to individuals after brain injury. With 11 new chapters and almost double the length of the original guide, the Second Edition is our definitive offering for those in recovery. Topics include:

♦ If I look so good, why do I feel so bad?
♦ Learning to respect new limits
♦ Managing anger successfully
♦ Extending the natural recovery process
♦ Differences between physical and emotional recovery

Getting Better (and Better!) After Brain Injury: A Guide For Family, Friends, & Caregivers

Life after brain injury can be challenging, not just for the survivor, but also for those who know and love them. This 187-page, illustrated, down-to-earth guide is packed with practical ideas to help those who want to help - family members, friends, and others - but are not sure how. Sample “ideas” in this volume include:

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The Brain Injury Source Book
Answers to Questions Most Often Asked By Families & Survivors

Inside this 227-page illustrated resource book are answers provided by experts to a wide range of questions often posed by brain injury survivors and their families. Factual information is provided on a broad range of early acute and long-term issues. Compiled for ease of use, this volume will surely become an important reference in your library. Topics include:

- Causes and statistics
- Speech/language issues
- Alcohol & drug use
- Cognitive difficulties
- Balance
- Seizures
- Coma & Vegetative State
- Medication issues
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- Resources for survivors and their families
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- Insurance & financial considerations

The Brain Injury Work Book
A Guide to Living & Working Productively

After a brain injury, people often don't know whether they will be able to work or what else they can do. This practical guide can help people sort through the options of going back to the same job, finding a new job, or not going back to work. This 156-page illustrated down-to-earth book contains checklists, worksheets, and many ideas offered by people who have learned to live and work productively after brain injury. Sample “ideas” in this volume include:

- How to decide whether to keep your old job
- Deciding whether you can afford to work
- If you can't work, figuring out what you can do
- What kinds of services are out there
- What you should tell people who ask you about going back to work

Recovering Relationships after Brain Injury:
The Essential Guide

Loss of good relationships may be one of the greatest casualties of traumatic brain injury. Many survivors describe feeling lonely and misunderstood. Old friends often disappear and family members may seem distant or unsupportive.

This essential 35-page guide helps survivors and family members understand how brain injury changes roles, relationships, emotions, and communication. Relationships with friends, family members, co-workers, and acquaintances are covered. Readers learn how to improve old relationships, develop new relationships, and feel better about life through discussion of the following topics:

- What happens to relationships after brain injury
- Feeling alone and overcoming loneliness
- How positive relationships help recovery
- How to avoid doing things that might harm relationships
- Steps you can take to avoid feeling misunderstood
- How and where to meet new friends
- Fundamentals of good communication
- Dating secrets: do's, and don'ts
- How to be positive and show your good side
- Reaching out to others safely
Memory Matters:
Strategies for Managing Everyday Memory Problems

Memory problems are very common after brain injury. Trouble with learning and remembering information often leads to frustration as people struggle to perform everyday tasks. *Memory Matters* describes familiar problem situations and identifies steps the reader can take to manage the problem. Detailed strategies are described for problems such as:

- Losing your keys
- Forgetting to pay bills
- Remembering to take medication
- Losing track of time
- Losing track of checks or money
- Forgetting what you’re looking for

This 40-page book includes a self-assessment inventory to help readers identify their most frequent problems. An interactive approach helps guide the reader to put strategies into action.

Help You Need Guides For Survivors

*Help You Need* is a series of guides that help people recognize, understand, and overcome common challenges after brain injury. Each guide provides background information to help people recognize the challenges they face. The *Help You Need* guides emphasize practical problem-solving approaches, encouraging people to rely on themselves, develop support systems, and use community resources. Information is also provided on how to avoid common mistakes that can make things worse. The *Help You Need Guides for Survivors* series includes:

- HYN-1 — Fundamentals for Living Better after Brain Injury
- HYN-2 — Coping Effectively with Loss and Change
- HYN-3 — Effective Stress Management
- HYN-4 — Effective Anger Management
- HYN-5 — Alcohol and Drug use after Brain Injury
- HYN-6 — Building Relationships & Overcoming Loneliness
- HYN-7 — What to Tell People About Your Injury

Help You Need Guides For Families & Friends

In recognition that brain injury presents challenges not only to the patient, but also to family members and friends, a companion series of *Help You Need* guides was developed. As with the Survivor series, each guide provides background information to help people recognize the challenges they face and emphasizes practical problem-solving approaches. The guides also offer ideas that family members and friends can use to help themselves surmount those challenges:

- HYN-51 — Alcohol & Drug Use: Helping Your Loved One Get Help
- HYN-53 — Neurological Illness & Anger: Helping Patients Control Their Emotions
- HYN-54 — Coping Effectively with Loss or Change after Neurological Illness or Injury

**Book:** MM  **Price:** $16

**Item:** specify HYN item number as above  **Price:** $2 each
The Brain Injury Handbook
A Guide for Rehabilitation Providers for Improving Therapeutic Relationships and Outcomes

Therapists will appreciate the insights offered for helping survivors of traumatic brain injury. Backed by years of direct experience, this 120-page illustrated text is packed with helpful suggestions. Sample topics include:

- Know your values and the principles that guide your practice
- Nobody is perfect-- recognize your limitations
- You can’t find a fever without a thermometer
- How not to lose in no-win situations
- Take your temperature often

The Behavior Management Handbook:
A Practical Approach to Patients with Neurological Disorders

With numerous case examples, this 152-page handbook details practical techniques for addressing the challenging behaviors often seen in patients with neurological dysfunction. Interventions are relevant to patients with stroke, brain injury, cancer, spinal cord injury, mental retardation, and neurological disorders and diseases (such as Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's, meningitis, and encephalitis). This resource provides -

- sample treatment goals for over 30 behavioral problems
- descriptions of "common mistakes" made by professionals that inadvertently worsen behavioral problems
- examples and clear descriptions of commonly encountered behavioral problems, including verbal and physical aggression, sexually disinhibited behavior, and failure to participate in therapy
- descriptions of a full range of behavioral management techniques with guidelines for treatment selection and implementation

Using the strategies in The Behavior Management Handbook will -

- Improve patients’ attainment of rehabilitation therapy goals
- Contribute to cost-effective treatment by using the most effective approaches
- Facilitate communication among rehabilitation staff members, enhancing interdisciplinary teamwork
- Foster morale by improving staff confidence when managing difficult behaviors
Caregivers of persons with brain injury, stroke, Alzheimer’s, and other neurologic disorders often worry about safety and danger inside and outside the home. The JASSI was developed to identify, describe, and communicate concerns that may not be obvious to professionals or others. The JASSI has also been helpful in documenting disability.

Designed to be comprehensive, the JASSI items are organized into nine categories - Travel, Financial, Appliances and Tools, Interpersonal, Medication and Alcohol, Food and Kitchen, Household, Fire Safety, and Firearms. Respondents are asked to rate each item on a 4-point scale indicating their level of concern, ranging from "none" to "very much." The JASSI is easily completed in 10 - 15 minutes using interview or self-report formats. Separate versions allow for completion by the patient and family member or other informant.

By identifying areas of greatest concern, clinicians and family members can help maintain the safety of patients, family members, and others. The JASSI is offered as a complete kit, which includes a manual, response card, and forms. The manual provides information about administration, scoring, interpretation, precautions, and recommendations to improve safety.

| Item: J01 (Introductory Kit with 5 sets of forms) | Price: $50 |
| Item: J02 (Introductory Kit with 20 sets of forms) | Price: $68 |
| Item: J03 (25 additional sets of forms) | Price: $25 |

First Steps Intervention Kit

Designed for use by rehabilitation professionals, First Steps Intervention (FSI) is a cognitive and neurobehavioral treatment program complementing the book, *First Steps Toward Recovery From Brain Injury* (see pg. 5). FSI was designed for use in the early stages of recovery after brain injury and other neurological disorders. Common difficulties addressed include:

- confusion
- concentration problems
- distress
- sleep problems
- disorientation
- memory deficits
- anger control
- fatigue

The program teaches self-coaching and paves the way to community re-integration for patients and their families. The FSI Kit contains a specialized set of materials for implementing the program including:

- Intervention *manual* describing treatment rationale and background, efficacy research, detailed treatment implementation procedures, and strategies for addressing problem behaviors arising during treatment
- One copy of the book, *First Steps Toward Recovery From Brain Injury*
- Handouts, displays, and surveys to facilitate learning during treatment sessions
- List of recommended readings

| Item: FSI Kit | Price: $105 |
Resilience and Adjustment Intervention (RAI) Kit

Brain Injury clinicians have a limited number of tools to assist survivors in finding a meaningful life after injury. Rehabilitation work is too often focused on skills that have been lost, leaving many survivors feeling as if they will never be a “whole person.”

The NRC for TBI is offering the first comprehensive kit to help professionals focus rehabilitation efforts on skill-building while developing an optimistic outlook during recovery. The materials in the Resilience and Adjustment can be readily utilized or adapted for your clinical practice. Based on resilience theory and research, the kit provides a structured approach, enabling survivors to:

- Understand the physical and emotional effects of brain injury
- Adopt an active engagement in recovery
- Set reasonable and achievable goals
- Learn strategies for solving problems effectively after injury
- More effectively manage stress, anger, and other intense emotions
- Use new communication tools to rebuild relationships
- Assume and maintain a positive, hopeful outlook

The Resilience and Adjustment Intervention Kit contains the following materials:

- Intervention manual including: treatment rationale and development, step-by-step intervention implementation instructions, information on injury-related treatment accommodations, worksheets and self-assessments promoting resilience, and tools to measure efficacy in-session and in real-time.

- Two copies of the NRC book, Getting Better and Better After Brain Injury: The Survivor’s Guide for Living Smarter and Happier, 2nd Ed. (see Catalog p. 3).

- Help You Need (HYN) Guides (10 copies each, see Catalog p.5) – Supplemental tri-fold handouts for survivors allow clinicians to cover a majority of the topics survivors struggle with after injury. HYN Guides directly related to RAI topics are listed below in bold. Additional HYN guides listed are included in order to help clinicians address a wider breadth of topics with survivors:
  - Effective Stress Management
  - Effective Anger Management
  - Building Relationships and Overcoming Loneliness
  - Fundamentals for Living Better After Brain Injury
  - Coping Effectively with Loss and Change
  - Alcohol and Drug Use After Brain Injury
  - What to Tell People About Your Injury

- Worksheets & Handouts to facilitate in-session discussion and reflection

**Important note:** The RAI is designed specifically for use by clinicians and other professionals who are licensed or otherwise specifically qualified and trained in providing psychotherapy. For more information about the Resilience and Adjustment Intervention, go to www.tbi.vcu.edu/interventions/RAI.
Rehabilitation professionals and support group leaders often struggle to meet the needs of family members before and after hospital discharge. The NRC for TBI developed this unique kit containing all the materials needed to start and maintain effective family support and education programs. Whether you’re a psychotherapist, counselor, social worker, or support group leader, the Brain Injury Family Intervention can be easily adapted for your practice and helps family members:

- better understand the common consequences of brain injury
- better understand how brain injury affects each family member
- solve problems more effectively
- better distinguish between emotional and physical recovery
- learn to better manage stress
- learn to appreciate the idea that recovery takes time
- better cope with loss and change
- learn to develop reasonable goals
- learn to better manage intense emotions
- learn strategies to extend the natural recovery process

The *Brain Injury Family Intervention Kit* contains the following materials:

- Intervention manual describing treatment rationale and background; detailed treatment implementation procedures; accommodations for injury-related difficulties; and guidelines for covering additional topics relating to brain injury.


- Help You Need Guides (10 copies of each, see Catalog p. 5):
  - *Coping with Loss and Change* (survivor and family versions)
  - *Effective Stress Management* (survivor and family versions)
  - *Effective Anger Management* (survivor and family versions)
  - *Fundamentals of Getting Better after Brain Injury*
  - *Building Relationships & Overcoming Loneliness*

- Handouts and surveys to facilitate in-session discussion

### Item: BIFI KIT  
**Price:** $325

### Item: BIFI MANUAL  
**Price:** $155

**Important note:** The BIFI is designed specifically for use by clinicians and other professionals who are licensed or otherwise specifically qualified and trained in providing family therapy. For more about the Brain Injury Family Intervention? Go to [www.tbi.vcu.edu/interventions/BIFI](http://www.tbi.vcu.edu/interventions/BIFI) for information about how we developed it and how it has served our patients.
Therapeutic Couples Intervention Kit

Couples face formidable challenges when one partner has been affected by traumatic brain injury. However, until recently there were no evidenced-based programs designed to specifically address declines in marital quality associated with TBI. Fortunately, the Therapeutic Couples Intervention (TCI) Kit, now available through the NRC, fills this gap in resources.

Informed by more than 20-years of clinical experience, the TCI provides clinicians with a manualized couples’ therapy program based on psychoeducation, skill building, and psychological support. The protocol is organized around five, 90 to 120 minute therapeutic sessions targeting core relationship topics. A sixth optional session addresses parenting challenges for couples with children.

Session topics help couples to:

▶ Better understand the effects of injury on their relationship
▶ Improve communication and stress management skills
▶ Set reasonable goals and solve problems better
▶ Rebuild emotional and physical intimacy
▶ Focus on gains and formulating a plan moving forward
▶ Identify and develop plans for overcoming new parenting challenges (optional)

The Therapeutic Couples Intervention Kit contains the following materials:

▶ An intervention manual containing: treatment rationale and development, step-by-step intervention implementation instructions, and real-time tools to measure in-session efficacy.

▶ Worksheets and self-assessments used for supporting in-session and between-session discussions and reflection.

▶ A CD to facilitate stress-reduction exercises.

| Item: TCI KIT | Price: $295 |
| Item: TCI MANUAL | Price: $115 |

Important note: The TCI is designed specifically for use by clinicians and other professionals who are licensed or otherwise specifically qualified and trained in providing marriage and couples therapy.

For more information about the Therapeutic Couples Intervention, go to www.tbi.vcu.edu/interventions/TCI.
The Family Needs Questionnaire-Revised (FNQ-R)

This 37-item questionnaire was developed to measure the perceived needs of family members after the brain injury, stroke, brain tumor, and other neurological disorders. Revised based on recent research, the questionnaire provides information regarding the extent to which needs are perceived as met.

The FNQ-R is useful as a clinical tool and as a research tool. Recent research has shown that the measure is sensitive to the effects of family interventions. Factor analysis revealed six scales:

1) Health Information
2) Instrumental Support
3) Community Support Network
4) Emotional Support
5) Professional Support
6) Involvement with Care

The Introductory Kit includes:
- administration and interpretation manual
- reprints of studies using the FNQ-R
- 10 questionnaires

Additional questionnaires are available for purchase in sets of 25.

Item: F02 (Introductory Kit with 10 questionnaires)  Price: $55
Item: F03 (25 questionnaires)  Price: $25

For more on the evaluation of the FNQ-R and its efficacy in measuring family needs, see the following references:


Materials for Working With Children

Children can often be in a unique position when a family member suffers a brain injury. The parent or sibling they knew before the injury may not be the same person now - an aspect of recovery all family members may struggle with. We hope these age-appropriate educational materials will help younger members of the family in managing expectations and facilitate understanding in recovery.

For Kids only: A Kid’s Guide to Brain Injury

This heartwarming guide, compiled by clinicians experienced in working with children, offers age-appropriate explanations of what happens when a child’s family member or friend sustains a traumatic brain injury. Frequently asked questions and quotations from siblings of injured children are incorporated into the text. Other highlights include information on coma; physical, cognitive, and behavioral changes; sibling relationship issues; and the role of family and friends in the recovery process. Factual information on brain injury is conveyed in a simplified style that is reassuring to young readers who face the consequences of brain injury in their own lives.

For Kids only: A Kid’s Guide to Brain Injury

Written for children and relatives of persons with brain injury, *Pook* improves the understanding of behavioral, emotional, and cognitive changes after injury. Chapters focus on depression, anxiety, memory, motivation/apathy, impulsiveness, insensitivity to social cues, problem-solving, and judgment. A major feature of the book is information for families on how to manage common behavioral, emotional, or cognitive problems. Hence, each chapter describes an injury-related problem and its management. This format allows for the book to be read as a continuous narrative, or for each chapter to stand alone. This artfully illustrated book is written in a child-friendly format and caters to a broad age range: older children (8 - 11 years) may read it independently, while younger children (3 - 7 years) may have an adult read it to them.
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