Orientation (Left-Right)

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orientation, standardized format such as the Right-Left Orientation Test (RLOT) (Benton et al. 1994). <http://www4.parinc.com/Products/Product.aspx?ProductID=RIGHTLEFT>), and similar tests are often included in neuropsychological test batteries to detect suspected problems. Patterns of errors are usually noted to identify specific deficits.

Definition

Orientation is also known as directional (right-left) orientation (Lezak et al. 2012). Examination of right-left orientation involves directions in neuropsychological assessment and is usually accomplished through simple verbal commands involving the pointing of body parts (e.g., “place your right hand on your left knee” or “touch your left cheek with your left thumb”). Regular functioning adults should make no mistakes on right-left discrimination on their own and others’ body parts; errors usually indicate impaired right-left

Cross-References

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