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Konick & Associates

Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing and Assessments

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The process of pursuing a psychological evaluation or a neuropsychological assessment can be overwhelming and somewhat stressful. To assist you in better understanding the process, we have developed a flow chart that outlines the process so you know what to expect.

Weeks 1-2: Preliminary Stage

- ✓ Initial Intake
 - Schedule a 50-minute intake appointment with one of our experienced psychologists. Our scheduler will review basic information and establish you as a new client. For children, two intake appointments will be scheduled. *(First appointment is parent only. The second appointment will be child and clinician.)*
 - During the intake, we will review your history and discuss your needs for an assessment. We may need a second appointment to cover extensive historical information.
- ✓ Record Review
 - We will request copies of previous assessment reports and educational records for our review. We may also request your written consent to consult with the referral source, other providers, or your or your child's school.
- ✓ Insurance Verification & Pre-Authorization for Testing
 - We will verify your insurance benefits and provide an estimate of coverage. Some insurance companies require pre-authorization for specific types of assessments. This process can take several weeks before securing an approval.
- ✓ Formal Proposal
 - You will receive a written proposal that outlines our recommendations for the assessment, estimated insurance coverage and costs, and instructions for proceeding with testing. After receiving your approval, we will begin the evaluation process.

Weeks 3-5: Data Collection Stage

- ✓ Psychological / Neuropsychological Testing
 - We will schedule and administer standardized measures ("tests") in the office. This process may require several appointments of 2-3 hours in duration.

- ✓ Behavior & Symptom Measures
 - We will distribute symptom measures to the client and/or appropriate collateral sources (e.g., spouse, parents, and/or teachers). This will assist us in understanding the client's behavior and symptoms across settings.
- ✓ Consultation
 - Your examiner may need to consult with outside sources (e.g., teachers, therapists, etc.) for additional information.

Weeks 6-8: Integration and Completion Stage

- ✓ Finalize Data Collection
 - We will follow up on assessment measures that are still outstanding. It is possible that additional measures may be requested if results are inconclusive or if additional concerns are identified during the assessment process.
- ✓ Report Preparation
 - Assessment data will be scored and interpreted by our experienced clinicians. A comprehensive report will be prepared that incorporates background and historical information, prior assessments, current results, and treatment/intervention recommendations for home and school.
 - Once the report is complete, we will contact you to schedule an appointment to review the assessment findings and discuss our recommendations.
- ✓ Feedback Session
 - We will schedule a face-to-face session to review the findings of the assessment in detail, along with the diagnoses and recommendations. You will receive a formal copy of the report at the close of your feedback session.

Note, the timeline is an estimate to help you understand the process at our practice. While we estimate the process to span 8 weeks, it may take longer depending on factors such as the complexity of the assessment, how quickly we are able to collect the necessary information for evaluation (such as previous records or symptom measures), responsiveness of insurance for pre-authorization and claims, and scheduling for in-office testing measures. Your timeliness in responding at each stage will assist us in keeping your assessment on track!

Billing and Claims

In-network claims will be submitted throughout the assessment process by our Billing Department. Out-of-network clients are encouraged to make payments during the assessment period. Payments are expected in full at the close of the assessment in order to avoid delays in scheduling the feedback session.

OUR TEAM OF DEDICATED CLINICIANS IS HERE FOR YOU. HOW CAN WE HELP?

If you would like to speak about assessment, diagnosis, or treatment for a developmental disability for yourself or a loved one, please contact us today.

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