



**PERSONAL INJURY  
ASSESSMENT SERVICES**



**MARCH NEWSLETTER**

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### **In Home Assessments – Introducing CANS**

Adults with traumatic brain injuries need ongoing support and care and the amount and type of support varies greatly between individuals. Many assessment tools have been developed to examine disability but few focus on the needs of those with traumatic brain injuries. Until recent times it was difficult to accurately predict the care needs of these individuals.

Our Experts can now utilise the Care and Needs Scale (CANS) assessment tool during their in home assessments. The CANS was developed to assist clinicians evaluate the care and support needs for adults who had sustained a traumatic brain injury. It can be applied both whilst the injured person remains an inpatient in hospital and/or when they move back to living in the community.

It allows clinicians to pin point the areas of daily functioning where care is required and the type of care/support that is needed such as prompting, physical support, supervision etc. The tool also assists in determining the amount of time an individual with a traumatic brain injury can be safely left alone.

We are incorporating its use into the preparation of your reports where it will assist in providing a greater degree of accuracy for recommendations on care needs. We have enclosed a research article on the validity of the scale for your reference file.

### **Raising the Bar**

Through our quality assurance processes we are continually striving to raise the benchmark on the reports we produce for you at CDC. There is an enormous amount of research available for our use, and it is imperative that the strength of this evidence is evaluated in the context of your specific case before it is introduced into your report. At our next Professional Development Day on April 1st our focus is on the most effective way of conducting these evaluations to ensure the evidence will stand up to the scrutiny of the court process . More on this in our next Newsletter.

### **Talk to us!**

CDC is a small business and our compact structure allows us to quickly adapt to the changing needs of our clients and the industry. We place high value on your feedback and welcome any suggestions or requests you may have for personalised service. We will always quickly respond to your phone call or email and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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