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INTRODUCTION

- Motivation is a predictor of rehabilitation potential
- Clinicians judge rehabilitation potential based on experiential knowledge (Burton et al., 2015; Winstein et al., 2016).
- Clinician's determine a patient's motivation based on the patient's demeanor and compliance with therapy to determine a patient's motivation (Maclean, Pound, Wolfe, & Rudd, 2002).

Constructs of Motivation Self

Theory

Dixon, 2009)

- Autonomy Determination Relatedness Competence (Deci & Reci, 2008) Self-efficacy
- Outcome Expectancies **Goal Setting**
 - Feedback
 - Goal Attributes Appraisal
 - Action Planning
 - Coping

Much of what we know about motivation is grounded in theory and adopted from related disciplines.

Aims: This study sought to obtain an in-depth understanding of the stroke survivor's perspective of barriers and motivation to participate in rehabilitation.

RESEARCH QUESTION

Do stroke survivors report the same motivation needs to participate in rehabilitation as those reported in the literature?

METHODS

Qualitative study using a semi-structured interview in focus groups.

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	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6
Age	59	49	45	80	65	54
Gender	Female	Female	Female	Female	Male	Female
Education	14	12	20	12	18	14+
Race	Black	Black	Caucasian	Black	Black	Asian
Years post						
onset	3	4	2	2	7	3
	Brain	LH		LH	LH	RH
Diagnosis	tumors	stroke	LH stroke	stroke	stroke	stroke

- Audio & videotaped recordings were transcribed verbatim in Nvivo.
- Thematic data analysis followed the steps described by Braun and Clarke (2006).

Interview Questions

- 1. In the initial stages of your therapy, did you feel included in making decisions about your care?
- 2. Do you feel you make (are included in) decisions for or about yourself now?
- 3. Did the SLP provide opportunities for you to make decisions related to therapy? (i.e. activity, topics)
- 4. Did you participate in the development of your treatment plan (did the SLP ask what you wanted to work on)?
- 5. How well do you feel you understood the purpose of the activities/task(s) completed during therapy?
- 6. Do you feel the activities completed in therapy were a reflection of what you hoped to achieve from therapy?
- 7. Did anyone talk to you about your diagnosis and expected recovery?
- 8. Was there anything the speech-language pathologists (SLP) did to make you feel independent?
- 9. What do you wish the SLP would have done different?
- 10. What could your spouse have done to help you gain (more) independence (quicker)?

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Autonomy, Competence, and Outcome Expectancies were the shared motivation constituents during rehabilitation.





RESULTS

Overall Physiological and Affective States							
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Moderately negative	Very negative	Very positive					

Physiological and Affective State by Themes

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Physiological & Affective States

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Mixed	Neutra	al	Mixed		Negative			
P5			P1				Positive	Neutral
							P4	
		Negative		Mix	ed	Positive		Neutral
Neutral		Mixed	Neutral	Neg	ative		Mixed	Positive

DISCUSSION

Although preliminary, the initial thematic analysis reveals specific motivation constructs shared across all participants. To our knowledge, there is no other study reporting motivation from the stroke survivor's perception using a focus group study design. While most of the participants in this study were independent in their communication, their reflection of the rehabilitation experiences included interactions with speech therapy. The forthcoming outcomes from this study are promising to contribute meaningful patient-reported motivational needs to improve the reliability of predicting rehabilitation potential.

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