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Galveston Orientation and Amnesia Test (GOAT)

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Overview

The Galveston Orientation and Amnesia Test (GOAT) is a tool caregivers use to test a person's memory after a traumatic brain injury (TBI) or injury to the brain from substance abuse. The GOAT tests how much the person remembers. It also tests what he knows about where he is and what day it is. The GOAT helps caregivers learn when the person is remembering information more easily. If a person starts remembering facts after a brain injury, this may be a good sign he is getting better.

SCORING

The GOAT has 10 to 16 questions. The highest score is 100.

Some questions get a high number of points. For example, the current month is worth 15 points. The current year is worth 30 points. Caregivers may give some points if the person's answers are almost correct. For example, if the person thinks it is June when it is July, he gets 10 points. If he thinks it is May, he gets 5 points. Some questions get a low number of points. For example, the person gets 1 point if he knows his name.

Caregivers write down the number of wrong answers. Then they subtract that number from 100. This becomes the person's GOAT score. If a person gets a high GOAT score, it means he may recover well from the TBI. A low number of correct answers may mean he needs a longer period of time to get well. A score above 75 is a good sign that the person's memory is getting better. A score of at least 76, two days in a row, may mean he no longer has PTA.

The GOAT helps caregivers plan treatments and therapy. It also helps them plan how to work with the person and his family after he goes home. He may need help getting dressed or taking a bath. He may need physical therapy to help him learn to do things by himself again.