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## After Head Trauma: Areas of Concern for Individuals and Their Families

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### I. Cognitive Problems

- a. Memory difficulties
- b. Perceptual problems
- c. Concentration
- d. Lack of Initiation (or Perseveration?)
- e. Comprehension / Understanding
- f. Expressive difficulties
- g. Sequencing problems
- h. Slowed responses
- i. Inflexibility (or Perseveration?)
- j. Disorganization
- k. Problem solving difficulties
- l. New learning problems

### II. Behavioral / Emotional Reactions

- a. Denial
- b. Over-optimism
- c. Impatience
- d. Irritability
- e. Verbal outbursts
- f. Temper outbursts
- g. Family abuse

- h. Egocentricism
- i. Impassivity
- j. Lability/Suspiciousness
- k. Depression
- l. Lack of motivation
- m. Inappropriate social behavior
- n. Dependency
- o. Increased or decreased sexual interest
- p. Excessive talking
- q. Loss of control

### III. Psychosocial Problems

- a. Sense of being "different" (to others, to self)
- b. Strained family relationships
- c. Loss of friends
- d. Difficulty returning to work, school
- e. Loss of job/career
- f. Inactivity

This material is drawn from publications "Life After Head Injury: Who Am I?" published by The Tampa General Hospital in 1987.