

How do I prepare my child for the evaluation?

Children find many of the tests engaging. The tests vary from pencil and paper tasks, similar to school work, to puzzles, block designs, motor tasks and computerized measures.

The evaluation may be completed across several sessions in order to prevent fatigue, as the tasks, while engaging, are cognitively challenging. Parents are encouraged to bring drinks and snacks for their child, as breaks are taken across sessions.

Additionally, it is important that your child have a good night's rest before the day of the evaluation as well as breakfast the morning of the session—**please, no caffeinated beverages prior to the evaluation.** It is important to explain that while some of the tests may remind them of school tasks, the evaluation is different because you cannot really prepare for it as you would a school test. Additionally, while we are interested in what your child knows, we are also interested in HOW they learn, solve problems, pay attention, remember new information, and learn new skills.

This evaluation will provide a detailed understanding of your child's learning style. We will also be able determine whether interventions are warranted to support your child to realize his or her optimal developmental outcomes.

The office is located at 37 Kings Road, Ste. 102, Madison, NJ. Parking is available in the rear of the building.

Please park in an unmarked space.

What is a Neuropsychological Evaluation?

A neuropsychological evaluation is a comprehensive assessment of cognitive functions. A standard evaluation includes assessment of your child's academic achievement, attention and concentration, general intellectual skills, language skills, listening skills, memory, mental speed/efficiency/flexibility, physical/mental coordination, problem solving skills, reasoning, sensory/perceptual skills, and visual spatial abilities. Personality/behavior is also assessed. Each evaluation will be customized to best address the referral questions.

When is a Neuropsychological Evaluation recommended?

A neuropsychological evaluation is recommended when there is a question about an individual's cognitive functioning. It provides information about an individual's abilities, which may not be available through neurological or medical examination and tests. Conditions which may prompt a referral include:

- Attention Deficit Disorders
- Learning Disorders
- Brain injury from trauma, stroke, anoxia
- Brain growth & development
- Neurological conditions, disorders, diseases
- Memory Disorders
- Sports related concussions

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The neuropsychological evaluation is used to measure brain-behavior relationships and cognitive functioning for a variety of reasons such as:

To identify cognitive impairment which may be a result of a developmental disorder, disease process, trauma or brain anomaly.

To help formulate a plan for academic intervention, cognitive remediation or brain retraining.

To establish a baseline of cognitive functioning which can be compared over time.

To help determine an individual's ability to return to school or premorbid functioning after a brain injury or disease process.

To provide documentation for the purpose of litigation in cases of brain injury.

The neuropsychological evaluation is conducted by an state-licensed, doctoral-level, experienced, appropriately trained neuropsychologist.

The evaluation process includes initial interview and history taking, review of records, consultation with referral sources, observation, in-depth testing, detailed report and a review session.

Thank you! We look forward to working with you and your child!



The Schedule

will be evaluated by :

- Laura Palmer, Ph.D., ABPP
- Adriana Dunn, Ph.D.

Drs. Dunn and Palmer are licensed psychologists and have the requisite training and experience in neuropsychology to administer neuropsychological evaluations. Dr. Palmer is board certified in Counseling Psychology.

The following appointments have been scheduled:

Intake:

Session 1:

Session 2:

Session 3:

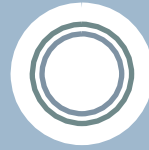
Feedback:

Please note you will receive the final written report approximately four to six weeks after the feedback session occurs.

Please inform us if your child has any life threatening allergies or other medical condition so that we may take any necessary precautions. On the day of the evaluation, please administer all prescription medications at the prescribed time.

There is a one hour lunch break scheduled for each full day of testing. A parent or guardian will need to arrange to take your child out to lunch during these breaks. Your child is encouraged to bring snacks and water.

Please bring copies of pertinent medical and school records and the parent/teacher forms enclosed to the first evaluation session.



Your right to confidentiality and my commitment to safeguard that right. The client-psychologist relationship is confidential and privileged, and thus protected by law and ethical code. However, there may be limits to confidentiality depending on your particular circumstance. For example, if your health care carrier is under the Federal ERISA act, it is entitled to and may request information about your evaluation. Likewise, PIP, Worker's Compensation, and other legal/court cases may override confidentiality. In cases in which there is a clear risk of harm to self or others or of suspected child abuse, confidentiality is limited by law.

Neuropsychological Evaluation Payment Policy

Neuropsychological evaluation is billed on a per hour basis to include both time spent with or without the patient in the initial exam, testing, scoring, interpretation, report writing, consultation, review of records, and feedback session. Depending on the type of evaluation, total hours billed may range from one to approximately fifteen hours. Specific information regarding fees may be requested prior to the evaluation.

Payment is requested at the end of each evaluation session. The rate per hour is \$225.00, and the evaluation typically involves approximately 15 – 16 hours for an estimated cost of \$3,000 — 3,500

You may pay by check or charge card (Master Card or Visa). Please contact your insurance carrier to determine if coverage is available and if pre-certification is required. The CPT procedure codes are 9613 and 96137. Reimbursement by insurance companies for this procedure is variable, and the practice does not participate with any insurance providers except for Medicare. We will provide you with documentation that can be submitted to your insurance carrier which may be helpful in securing reimbursement.