Issues in the Neurorehabilitation of Aphasia

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Abstract
Clinical aphasiology is an area of rehabilitation research and clinical management that focuses on the language and communication deficits of individuals with acquired neurologic disorders such as aphasia. Interdisciplinary research teams have developed and tested wide range of linguistic/behavioral, pharmacological, neurological and, computerized interventions for aphasia. The purpose of this presentation will be to discuss current issues and future directions in the neurorehabilitation for aphasia. Selected examples from the aphasia treatment literature will be used to highlight the diversity of aphasia intervention approaches currently being investigated. In addition, a framework for future investigations that borrows principles from basic science evidence relevant to aphasia will be considered.