



Target Area: Communication, Language, Speech Disorders

<p>Bourgeois (1992). <i>Evaluating Memory Wallets in Conversations with Persons with Dementia</i>. Journal of Speech and Hearing Research 35(6): 1344-1357</p>	<p>SCED score - <i>to be confirmed</i></p>
<p>Method/Results</p>	<p>Rehabilitation Program</p>
<p>Design:</p> <p>Y Study type: SSD. Multiple baseline across behaviours, replicated across participants.</p> <p>Y Participants: n=9, age range=67-93, 67% male, aetiology - Alzheimer's disease=7, multi infarct dementia=1, unspecified dementia=1, severity=mild - moderate dementia.</p> <p>Y Setting: Family home or day care centre.</p> <p>Target behaviour measure/s:</p> <p>Y Number of correct, on-topic statements made during conversations with conversation partners.</p> <p>Primary outcome measure/s:</p> <p>Y None.</p> <p>Result: Patient learned to use the Memory Wallets and the frequency of correct on-topic utterances during the intervention phase increased compared with baseline. For three patients, the effect was maintained for up to 30 months post-intervention. Data was graphically presented but not statistically analysed.</p>	<p>Aim: To improve conversational skills in persons with Alzheimer's disease.</p> <p>Materials: Thirty 7.6x12.7 cm cards Tape recorder and countdown timer.</p> <p>Treatment plan</p> <p>Y Duration: Between 24 and 9 sessions, with a total of 2.25 to 6 contact hours.</p> <p>Y Procedure: One session 5 to 7 days per week. Each session 15 minutes duration. Three 5 minute probe sessions per week.</p> <p>Y Content: Patient is encouraged to use a "Memory Wallet" during a conversation with a conversation partner. The Memory Wallet is divided into three topics: My Family, My day, My Life. There are 10 cards for each topic showing either relevant photos/drawings or simple declarative sentences providing information about either the patient's family, the patient's daily activities or biographical information.</p>