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RE: MCRAE, DAVID
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Visual field testing is remarkable for a dense right visual field cut. The left eye is deviated outward. There is just slight medial movement of the eye and up and down movement. There is no ptosis. The right eye movement is normal and he fixates with the right eye. Funduscopy exam shows flat discs. There is a question of slight weakness of the right lower face. He does not speak. He is not having any trouble swallowing.

Reflexes are increased on the right side.

Coordination testing is done normally on the left.

He has a right hemiparesis. He is able to just lift the right leg off the seat of the wheelchair, and he can lift up the right arm. On the left side, his strength appears quite normal. There is spasticity on the right side.

He indicates that light touch is symmetric on both sides.

He did walk today. He has trouble arising from the chair to the walker. Then, when he walks, as long as he is going in a straight line, he does fairly well. As he turns, the right leg can interfere with the leg of the walker.

IMPRESSION

S/P significant head injury, with the major affect being to the left hemisphere.

He has had a gradual, very impressive improvement from this injury. Historically, he continues to improve and, in fact, over this last year has now started walk short distances with a walker.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I would have no recommendations for any diagnostic tests. I did talk to them about a lift chair and his mother will check. They will return on an as-needed basis.

Sincerely,



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