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Impact study of a formation programme on communication for aphasic family carers (last results)

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The communication disability due to stroke induces a loss of autonomy and modifies profoundly the social role of the patient [1].

Objectives.– A training program is built by speech therapists in partnership with the National Federation of Aphasics of France, on the whole country to family carers.

A first session of information approaches the repercussions of the communication disability, and then during following two sessions, the specific problem of aphasics in term of shared communication disability on quality of life.

This program is the object of a measure of impact on family carers. We verify how it answers their request of information about the aphasia and obtain additional information and feel a need of training [2]. The results of this study are ongoing.

Material and method.– The family carers are recruited on 25 sites on the whole country for October 2010 till June 2011. Sessions of information in the evening then training on two days are proposed each in three months of interval. Seven types of questionnaires (before/after or of satisfaction) are subject to family carers.

Results.– Sixty percent of the 1500 participants on information sessions wish to obtain additional information and feel a need of training [2]. The results of before/after questionnaire will be presented.

Discussion.– Information and training of aphasics family carers on the aphasia, communication and communication disability answer a real request of behalf of families. The real impact in term of modification of the behavior of communication and quality of life will be discussed.

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