

WILLIAM A. BURKHART, PH.D., ABN

NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION, CONSULTATION, AND TREATMENT

Dr. Burkhart is a Clinical Psychologist licensed in the State of Washington, which ensures that he has a doctoral degree from an accredited university and that he has met all examination requirements given by the Examining Board of Psychology. And he is a Clinical Neuropsychologist board-certified by the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology which means that he has undergone rigorous peer review ensuring that he has completed specialized post-doctoral training in the neurosciences, that he is sufficiently knowledgeable about cognitive/behavioral dysfunction associated with brain injury or illness or congenital learning/cognitive disabilities and properly skilled and experienced in applying standardized neuropsychological testing and other clinical neurodiagnostic methods and in consulting with referring neurologists or other medical professionals with regard to differential diagnosis and treatment planning.

Dr. Burkhart obtained his doctoral degree, PhD in Clinical Psychology at Fuller Graduate School of Psychology in 1981 and completed post-doctoral training in medical psychology at Wilford Hall U.S. Air Force Medical Center in 1982 and in Pain Psychology and Neuropsychology at the University of Washington in 1985. He was ABN Board-Certified in Clinical Neuropsychology in 1999. He has been established in full time independent practice in Seattle since 1987 and holds staff positions at UW-Northwest Hospital and Swedish Hospital. He specializes in mild traumatic brain injury (MTBI), dementia/pseudodementia, cerebral vascular disease, parkinson's, and multiple sclerosis (MS): consult- liaison with Neurologists and Psychiatrists to help with differential diagnosis, as well as assessment of the functional (cognitive, emotional, and behavioral) problems associated with those conditions and neuropsychological counseling for patients and family members. With regard to general psychotherapy and psychological treatment services, he specializes in anxiety and depression disorders and stress and post-trauma conditions (PTSD spectrum disorders) including somatic (medical illness/injury) symptom disorders and adjustment issues and traumatic grief and loss. His practice is limited to adults, senior adults, and late adolescents.

Dr. Burkhart was trained at UW, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine by Dr. Sureyya Dikmen who herself was trained by Dr. Ralph Reitan at UW. Training and practice was focused on TBI/MTBI and cerebral vascular disease (CVA or stroke) and the Halstead-Reitan Test Battery with an emphasis on test result implications for prognosis as well as diagnosis; for TBI, stroke, and other neurological injury/illness recovery potential and the best options for treatment and other interventions (strategies or life choices or support systems) to maximize independence, quality of life, and work rehabilitation.

Your neuropsychological evaluation, consultation, and treatment with Dr. Burkhart will start with a diagnostic interview (review of intake questionnaire information and relevant history and symptoms) and include neurobehavioral status examination and standardized neurocognitive testing; tests that will require you to process different kinds of information, verbal and visual and sometimes under time pressure; some tests asking you to just pay attention and track what you hear or see and others requiring you to remember new information (e.g. word lists or numbers and symbols or geometric designs) and/or problem-solve and make decisions based on that information, e.g. figure out patterns or principles that tie information together. Dr. Burkhart uses a flexible test battery and administers relatively brief testing when referral questions about diagnosis or level of functioning with a known condition are straightforward or do not involve a complex medical or psychological history or multiple symptom etiologies or disability vs. return to work questions. Otherwise in addition to the brief testing which he directly administers, he orders an extended to full battery of neurocognitive testing administered by his psychometrist who was trained by Dr. Reitan's primary psychometrist at UW.

Effective neuropsychological evaluation and/or treatment will require you to disclose personal and emotionally sensitive information. You can be assured, however, that your privacy will be respected and that questions about confidential and personal information will be limited to information that is necessary to make a proper diagnosis or treatment plan. Information may be disclosed only upon your written consent or a court-ordered subpoena if you are involved in some kind of litigation. Otherwise, limited and only necessary and relevant information may be released to communicate with your referring physician or other professionals for coordination of care, or to third party payers and other agencies involved with billing or payment.

Confidentiality is also limited if Dr. Burkhart is left at any time with the impression that you are at risk of harming yourself or others and not agreeable to whatever safety precautions are necessary and recommended to assure your safety and/or the safety of others. And as part of any evaluation with Dr. Burkhart and further as part of any treatment you may establish with him following evaluation, it is expected that you will fully commit to all necessary safety measures. Dr. Burkhart will usually but not always be available for crisis intervention on an urgent basis via his cell phone at 206-355-7954. If he is not available, it is understood that for crisis counseling support, you can call the King County Crisis Line at 206-461-3222 or the Snohomish County Crisis Line at 425-258-4357. Otherwise as part of your safety commitment, it is agreed that should you shift into any potentially dangerous suicidality or dangerous behaviors to others and whenever safety requires it, you will call 911 and/or visit your nearest ER or Urgent Care Clinic.

Consumers of psychological services have a responsibility to choose and approach any provider best suited to the problems at hand. Clients have a right to raise any questions about agreed-upon procedures or to discontinue participation at any time and elect referral to another provider. **PER MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE PERTAINING TO MY RIGHTS AS A CONSUMER OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES AND PERTAINING TO DR. BURKHART'S TRAINING AND SPECIALTY AREAS AND EVALUATION AND TREATMENT PROCEDURES. AND I AGREE TO THE ABOVE WITH REGARD TO HIS POLICIES ON CONFIDENTIALITY AND ITS LIMITS AND ON DANGEROUS BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT AND A COMMITMENT TO ASSURE MY SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS.**

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