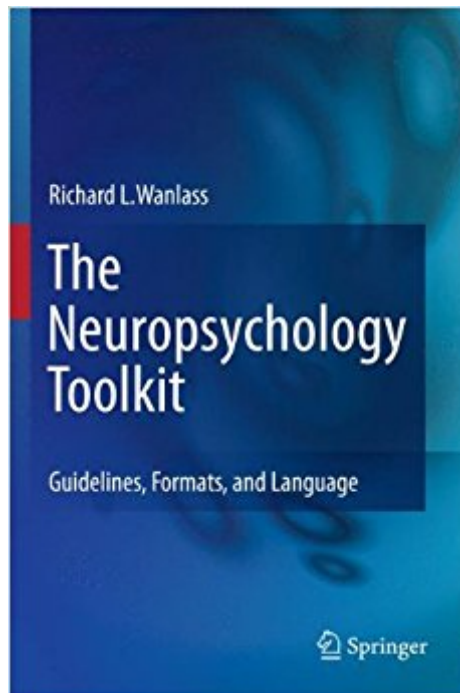




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# The Neuropsychology Toolkit: Guidelines, Formats, And Language



## Synopsis

This book provides information, guidelines, and materials to help future neuropsychology supervisees identify, understand, and avoid some of these problems and pitfalls. Also included are a neuropsychological questionnaire, short- and long-report formats, and sample statements that can be used to help with wording sections of the report that are particularly challenging to write.

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From the reviews: “The Neuropsychology Toolkit: Guidelines, Formats, and Language provides the beginning clinician with the necessary and fundamental components of writing a concise, coherent, and interpretable neuropsychological evaluation. Throughout the book, Wanlass makes extensive use of clinical examples for a range of situations that might be encountered during the neuropsychological assessment process. This book can be recommended to the beginning clinician or doctoral student who is pursuing a career in clinical neuropsychology or to clinicians who are unfamiliar with neuropsychological assessment.” (Benjamin D. Hill and Joshua S. Kline, *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, Vol. 22, 2013) “The author provides the reader with essential scaffolding on what to include in a report and helpful suggestions on how the entire evaluation process might be accomplished. Although it is primarily geared toward trainees that are earlier on in their professional development in the practice of clinical neuropsychology, the book can also be utilized by more seasoned users in

a review of sound practice fundamentals. This is a useful little book that will easily find a place on students' or supervisors' shelf. (John E. Beauvais, Sara E. Anderson and Katherine D. Kane, Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology, November, 2012)

Many outcomes may hinge on a neuropsychology evaluation, from the awarding of money to the granting of custody. Assessment of mental, motor, and related functions must be accurate and results reported in clear detail to contribute to an informed judgment. For the practitioner just starting to compose evaluation reports, this can be a daunting prospect, especially if one is still mastering the language of the field and its clinical nuances. The Neuropsychology Toolkit jump-starts confidence and competence by identifying common evaluation errors of omission, commission, and misjudgment and providing a solid framework for avoiding them. Geared toward best practice as well as clear communication, it covers each step of the process, from gathering background information and other pre-test considerations to interpreting results and reporting conclusions, so the developing practitioner can find his or her own voice without sacrificing crucial detail. This improved evaluation of clients, in turn, will improve the way one's practice is evaluated by supervisors, colleagues, or the courts. Concise and practical, The Neuropsychology Toolkit is a trustworthy reference for neuropsychologists, clinical psychologists, and rehabilitation specialists.

Dr. Wanlass has out done himself ! This manual is a short, easy read, yet packed with useful information. It should be required for students in the introductory neuropsychological assessment class in graduate school; it is very much a "how-to" guide. It takes the reader through the process of neuropsychological evaluations with numerous caveats that give the student a leg up in preventing common errors. The part regarding write-ups is especially comprehensive. It affords the student or newly- licensed neuropsychologist the opportunity to present findings in an accurate, polished and user-friendly manner- a feat that could take others many years to attain. For those who have been practicing for awhile, this book is a wonderful reference guide. The layout is clear and logical, enabling the reader to find relevant pearls quickly. In fact, I bought the book for my book shelf, then purchased the digital version so I can have everything at my fingertips. All I have to do now is pull up the book on my computer and use the search function to zero in on exactly what I am seeking. Dr. Wanlass has literally everything you could imagine regarding options for test selection, phrases for describing findings and report templates for a variety of referral scenarios. He also provides all-important reminders that can help circumvent pitfalls committed by even seasoned

professionals. Referral sources would also benefit from having this guide on hand. It is unfortunate but true that the quality of neuropsych evals varies widely. If you are an attorney, primary care doctor, a medical specialist, or part of the multidisciplinary treatment team, having a gold standard by which to compare the reports you get will open your eyes. Setting the bar high and explicitly stating the referral questions and report expectations can only help propel neuropsychologists up to the level of Dr. Wanlass. For the sake of full disclosure, Dr. Wanlass was my supervisor for my neuropsychology internship almost 20 years ago. Since then, my career has evolved to include more hybrid evaluations in which neuropsychology is a component of what I do. Regardless of the context though, inevitably, I circle back to the education and training I received from him. Now, instead of pestering Dr. Wanlass (which I still do, of course), I can look up my question in his book!

Frequently. Psychologists do not go for descriptive titles when publishing books. Instead they use gotcha titles in an attempt to increase sales or just notice on the bookshelf. A proper title for this manual would be: Publication Manual - Clinical Psychology Version. This volume is an attempt to correct the flaws in reporting writing and planning that go into the writing of clinical reports which must have clinical validity and accuracy in reasoning. This is especially true when these reports are used in courtrooms. There are examples of correct and incorrect judgments and the reasoning behind these. This is a good text to start training with or to use as a refresher. It is brief (160 pages) and as the author states should be utilized as a starting point.

A very practical, concise, and handy reference for neuropsychology practitioners at all levels.

Clear, concise, and practical with lots of helpful examples. Includes suggestions for all aspects of the report-writing process, including grammatical usage.

Rather Dry. But Carefully Drums in what amounts to a solid Neuropsychological Report.

As always on time and great shape.

This is an excellent book for clinicians who are not especially good writers. I bought it out of curiosity, and didn't find it as useful as I'd hoped, but I can see that it has great value for those starting out in the field.

Very good book; I've received a defective one with pages and binding torn. On its way back to warehouse. They are sending another one. Will update the review with more reflections on the content.

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