PARTNER DEPENDENT AUDITORY SCANNING

USE WITH: Patients who cannot speak or move

**STEPS:**

1) **NURSE:** Read aloud and point to the general *CATEGORIES*
   (Example: Physical Needs, Greetings, Personal/Family, Help,
   Control Phrases, Spelling)

2) **PATIENT:** With a prearranged signal, the patient indicates
   when the desired *CATEGORY* is reached

3) **NURSE:** Turn to the selected *CATEGORY* page and read
   specific *MESSAGES*

4) **PATIENT:** With a prearranged signal, the patient indicates
   when the specific *MESSAGE* has been reached

5) **NURSE:** Offer *SPELLING* as an additional option

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CATEGORIES

- HELP
- PHYSICAL NEEDS
- FAMILY
- GREETINGS/QUESTIONS
- APPEARANCE/HYGIENE
- CONTROL PHRASES
- SPELLING

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HELP

PAIN
- I feel sick.
- My chest hurts.
- Please call the doctor.
- I need medicine.
- I have a headache.
- My throat hurts.
- I have a stomach ache.

BREATHING- I am having trouble breathing.

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**PHYSICAL NEEDS**

**BATHROOM:** I need to use the bedpan.

**TEMPERATURE**

**COLD**
* I’m cold.
* I need a blanket.
* I need socks.
* Turn up the heat.

**HOT**
* I’m hot.
* Turn down the heat.
* Turn on the air conditioning.
* Pull down my blankets.

**EATING/DRINKING**

- I’m hungry.
- I’m thirsty.
- I want more.
- I’m full.
- I want (I will spell exact item)
APPEARANCE/HYGIENE

HAIR
- I need to wash my hair.
- I need to comb/brush my hair.
- I need a haircut.

FACE/BODY
- I need to wash my face.
- I need to wash my hands.
- I need to be bathed.
- I need my eye glasses.

MOUTH
- I need to brush my teeth.
- I need some mouthwash.
- I need to be suctioned.
FAMILY

I want to talk to my: ________________________________

- Wife/Girlfriend
- Husband/Boyfriend
- Daughter
- Son
- Mother
- Father
- Other: (spell)

FEELINGS

- I love you.
- I am worried.
- I am lonely.
GREETINGS/QUESTIONS

HELLO
- How are you?
- What’s new?
- How’s the weather?

GOODBYE
- Have a nice day!
- Thank you for coming.

QUESTIONS
- Who?
- What?
- When?
- Where?
- Why?
- How?

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CONTROL PHRASES

You did not understand me.

Forget it……It’s not that important.

Don’t rush me!

Let’s try again.

Leave me alone!

Go to my spelling board.
Topics: Past Business Things I need Now Family Body Future Pain/medicine Other

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Partner: Please announce each letter out loud as patient spells.