

## Quality of Life

Patient and staff satisfaction are increased with various communication interventions, and that these interventions are feasible, have utility, and are safe to perform.

(Zaga et al., 2019)

## Multi-Level Communication Intervention

- Communication difficulty was reduced by individualized assessment with a speech pathologist.
- Support for the feasibility and utility of a multi-level communication intervention consisting of communication skills training.
- Intervention targeting patient-nurse assisted communication strategies increased the length of communication exchanges and successful communication about patient symptoms.

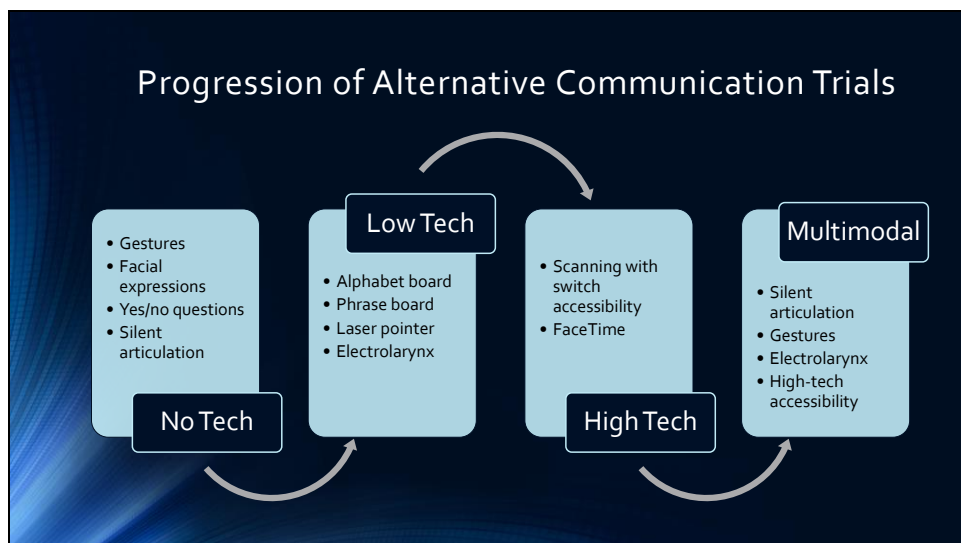
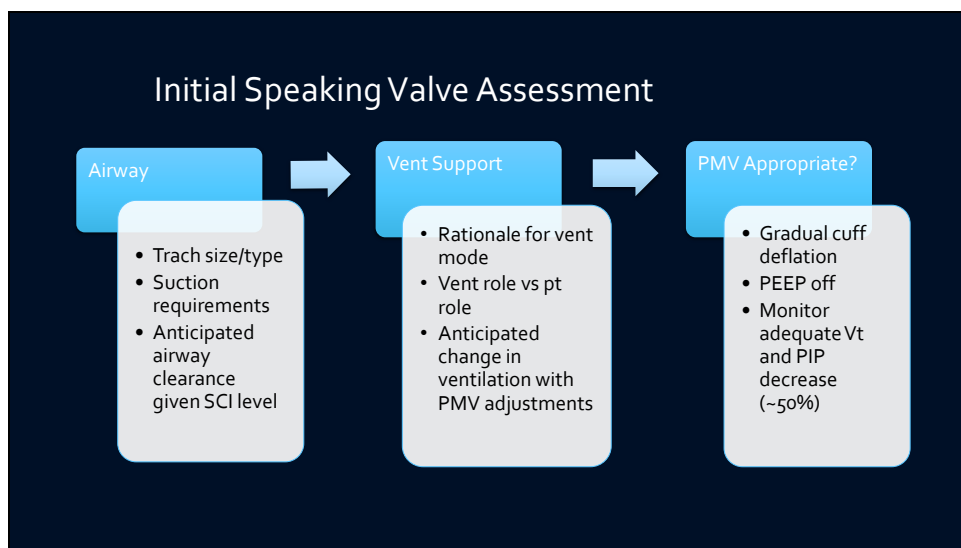
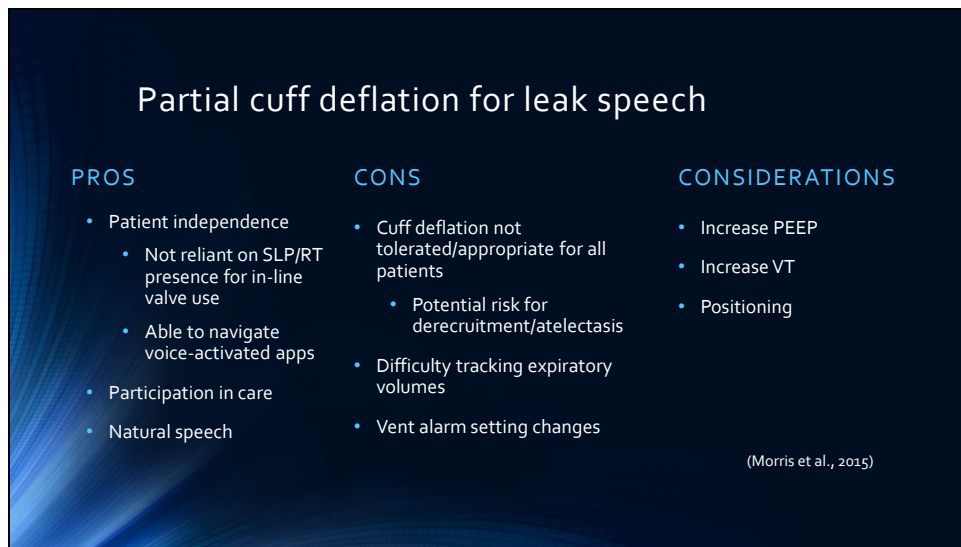
(Happ et al., 2014)

## Cognitive Function After Spinal Cord Injury

- Frequency of cognitive impairment has been reported up 60%.
- It is important to assess cognitive status and develop focused rehabilitation to mitigate cognitive impairments and improve quality of life.
- Concomitant conditions may include brain injury, psychological or somatic comorbidities, cardiovascular dysfunction, and sleep apnea.

(Sachdeva et al., 2018)

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