On With Life was the first program in the world to become CARF accredited as an Independent Evaluation Program.

Through the process of neuropsychological evaluation, a neuropsychologist studies brain-behavior interactions, the health of the individual’s brain, and the problems that brain dysfunction can cause. Our neuropsychologist, David Demarest, Ph.D., uses scientific techniques to determine preexisting characteristics of each individual and creates a detailed overview of changes caused by an injury or condition affecting the central nervous system. All evaluations include a comprehensive, detailed neuropsychological report and are provided in a quick, timely manner. Dr. Demarest’s superior report turnaround time bests the national average; reports are usually completed within one week after the evaluation.

Dr. Demarest works with people of all ages with central nervous system conditions, including traumatic or acquired brain injury, stroke, spinal cord injury, Alzheimer’s and other dementias, neuromuscular conditions such as cerebral palsy and related disorder, and evaluation of children and adolescents with neurodevelopmental disorders such as ADHD, autism spectrum disorders and learning disorders.
A NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION CAN BE HELPFUL IN ADDRESSING:

- Return to work, and with what restrictions
- Return home, and with what degree of assistance
- Return to school, and with what accommodations
- Ability to manage financial affairs
- Legal capacity
- Presence of a brain injury
- Presence and impact of learning disorders/disabilities, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder and autism spectrum disorder
- Differentiation of brain injury from psychological/psychiatric etiology/factors and the presence of malingering/suboptimal effort
- Permanency of injury and deficits/prognosis
- Establishment of a baseline for further assessment
- Assets that can be capitalized on
- How training can contribute to change
- Presence of social and behavioral issues
- What areas may spontaneously improve, and which will require compensatory strategies?
- What are the best strategies to train a patient for a task?
- Recommendations related to impulsivity, impatience, low frustration tolerance and anger control
- Presence of substance abuse issue
- Psychological status of an individual

Dr. Demarest works together with the person served and family to develop a testing plan that meets the cultural preferences and goals of those involved. Evaluations are scheduled between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays with exceptions in order to accommodate persons served and referral sources. Referrals are accepted from physicians, attorneys, case managers, persons served, parents, nurses, social workers, schools and counselors.

Dr. Demarest’s goal is to help individuals/families and the referring provider answer questions pertaining to the condition of the individual’s brain, the presenting strengths and difficulties and indicated treatment options and recommendations.

ON WITH LIFE’S CONTINUUM OF BRAIN INJURY REHABILITATION SERVICES

We are proud to provide a continuum of specialty services for persons served who have sustained a traumatic brain injury, stroke, tumor, aneurysm or other neurological condition:

- Post-Acute Inpatient Neuro Rehabilitation
- Long-Term Skilled Care for Youth and Younger Adults
- Outpatient Neuro Rehabilitation
- Supported Community Living
- Neuropsychological Evaluation and Consultation
- Independent Living at the Apartments of OWL Creek