TBI Compared to Other Disabilities

Characteristics	ТВІ	Autism	Learning Disability	Emotional Disturbance	ADHD
Sudden onset	X				
Previous successful functioning at a higher level	X				
Prior self-image as "normal", loss of sense of self	X				
Medical complications and fatigue are common	X				
Previously learned information can assist in re-acquiring skills	Х				
Problems generalizing new information	X	X	X		
Inconsistent patterns of performance	X	X	X	X	
Memory difficulties	X	X	X	X	
Compromising self-awareness (i.e., struggles to recognize challenges)	X	X		X	Х
Extreme difficulties with self- regulation	Х	Х		Х	Х
Difficulty building or Maintaining interpersonal relationships	Х	X		X	Х
Inappropriate behavior in normal circumstances	X	X		X	X
Poor judgement and loss of emotional control	Х	Х	Х	X	X
Slower pace of skill acquisition	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Family experience of grief	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х

Unique to TBI	Shared by Some	Shared by all
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