

EMERGE

Disorders of Consciousness Program

Patient Fact Sheet

The UofL Health – Frazier Rehab Institute EMERGE Disorders of Consciousness (DOC) program is designed to provide a continuum of care for patients with severe brain injury who are at low/minimal levels of consciousness. Treatment targets awareness, responsiveness, and communication with the ultimate goal of transitioning to mainstream rehab therapy, improving functional skills, and supporting independence so that the patient can return home.

Why Choose Frazier Rehab

An Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) offers several advantages over other levels of care, such as a skilled nursing facility (SNF) or long-term acute care facility (LTAC) including:

- A treatment planning process that involves the patient and family.
- Medical monitoring by a physiatrist, including daily medical visits.
- Trained inter-disciplinary team that specializes in the care of persons with disorders of consciousness.
- Intense rehabilitation with a minimum of three hours of therapy each day, five to seven days a week.
- Weekly team conferences to coordinate care and update treatment planning.
- Hands-on caregiver education so that all are prepared for the discharge home.
- Team and family meetings to educate and ensure preparedness for discharge and long-term planning.
- Identification of equipment, assistive technology and home exercise needed to support transition home.

Patient Characteristics for Success

In addition to meeting the Frazier admission criteria, individuals with the following characteristics are ideal program candidates:

- Ranchos Los Amigos Level 2-3 (inconsistent response to stimulus)
- Discharge home with identified caregivers
- Caregivers capacity to participate in family teaching
- Better outcomes are generally seen with younger patients and those with traumatic (versus anoxic) injury

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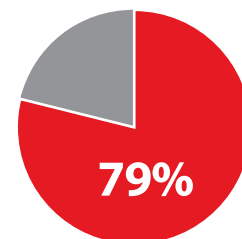
Frazier Rehab Outcomes

2013
Program Established

121
Unique Patients
Between 2013-2022

77%
Sustained
Traumatic
Brain Injury

79% of patients admitted to the program “emerged” demonstrating reliable communication or functional object use.



Averages at a Glance

20 days Average days from admission to emergence

Average length of stay* overall **44 days**

32 years Average patient age

** Treatment and discharge plans are adjusted based on the patient's rate of progress.*