Importance of cooperation of patients’ families to provide effective training in speech therapy on a ward of recovery rehabilitation – Through experience of speech therapy for a case of severe motor aphasia –

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Abstract

In Hospital A, a ward of recovery rehabilitation was opened in June 2012; however, no speech therapist (ST) works full-time specifically for patients admitted to the ward for recovery rehabilitation. All STs also work with outpatients and inpatients of other wards. Therefore, it is difficult to spend enough time specifically with patients on the ward for recovery rehabilitation. Here we report a male patient with severe motor aphasia due to hypertensive cerebral hemorrhage who trained alone every day on tasks (autonomous tasks) on the recovery rehabilitation ward in the absence of STs. Based on this autonomous task, a rehabilitation program was scheduled by STs in cooperation with the patient’s family, although the patient directly received ST training.