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**Handicap psíquico y handicap cognitivo : cuales son las restricciones de participacion referandose a la Classification Internacional del funcionamiento (ICF) ?**

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Literature focusing on psychic and cognitive handicap shows that there is a change in the set of problems linked to handicap according to the theoretical models.

ICF is a model which has a strong impact on handicap representations when lawmakers develop legislative texts.

Therefore, we have to adapt our professional practices according to these evolutions.

The central question about psychic and cognitive handicap is assessment as the origin of therapeutic action.

Impairment and activity limitation assessment tools for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and schizophrenia are now more precise and better take in account the ecological dimension (Barreyre and Makdessi, 2007).

However, participation restriction is still difficult to enlighten. We have undertaken a pluridisciplinary research which objective is to clarify this aspect and develop a situational assessment, according to the ICF structure for both populations concerned by psychic and cognitive handicap (schizophrenia and Traumatic Brain Injury).

We will present an exploratory version and the preliminary results of this research and the conceptual modifications and adaptations that field confrontation has made necessary.