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### **HANDOUT-ABLE: Caregiver Tips on Anticipating Receptive/Expressive Needs**

Individuals that exhibit difficulties with understanding communication often also exhibit difficulties with expressing wants/needs. In this case, family members and other caregivers are faced with the unique challenge of anticipating the needs, big and small. Asking simple yes/no questions is a good strategy for anticipating these needs. The following are a listing of typical wants/needs that a person may require the caregiver to anticipate. As this is not an exhaustive list, the individual tendencies of each patient also should be considered. Anticipating others' needs is a monumental task, but history, persistence and consistency help.

- Do you need to use the restroom?
- Are you hurting?
- Do you need medicine?
- Do you feel sick?
- Do you want the TV on?
- Do you want the TV off?
- Are you thirsty?
- Are you hungry?
- Are you hot?
- Are you cold?
- Do you feel uncomfortable?
- Do you want to lay down?
- Do you want to sit up?
- Do you want to go into another room?
- Do you want to spend some time alone?
- Would you like a snack?
- Do you want to sit outside, and get some fresh air?
- Do you want me to read to you?
- Do you need me to rub your feet?
- Do you want me to brush your hair?
- Do you want to take a break?
- Do you need a napkin?
- Are you needing to say something?
- Would you like to draw?
- Would you like to look at pictures?
- Do you need sunglasses on?
- Do you need some perfume on?
- Do you need to look at yourself in the mirror?

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- Are you feeling dizzy?
- Are you having trouble sleeping?
- Do you want to go for a drive?
- Do you need to see the doctor?
- Do you want to watch a movie?
- Do you want to take a nap?
- Do you want to just rest?
- Do you want the light on?
- Do you want the light off?
- Do you need us to speak quieter?
- Do you need to sit in a chair?
- Do you need to sit in your wheelchair?
- Do you want to recline in the chair?
- Do you need a pillow?
- Do you need a blanket?
- Would you like some makeup on?
- Do you need a different set of socks on?
- Do you need to shave?
- Do you have a headache?
- Do you feel overwhelmed?
- Do you feel hopeless today?
- Do you want to play a game?
- Do you want to help me?
- Do you need for us to go into another room?
- Do you want to listen to some music?
- Do you need me to take a break from asking you questions?
- Do you need something from your room? (then, other yes/no questions would follow)
- Do you want to do something fun? (then, other yes/no questions would follow)
- Do you need me to do something for you? (then, other yes/no questions would follow)
- Are you feeling OK? (then, other yes/no questions would follow)
- Do you need me to get you something? (then, other yes/no questions would follow)
- Do you want to call someone? (then, other yes/no questions would follow)
- Do you want to do something else? (then, other yes/no questions would follow)
- Is something wrong? (then, other yes/no questions would follow)
- Is there something I am missing that you need? (then, other yes/no questions would follow)
- Do you need something that I cannot get you? (then, other yes/no questions would follow)