

### **Additional Information for Audiology:**

#### **Audiology:**

Pure tone audiometry indicated that B.A. has a mild-to-moderate, gradually sloping, sensorineural hearing loss, bilaterally. Word recognition testing was not completed due to patient's word finding difficulty and because the testing was completed bedside in the inpatient unit. Communication difficulty was observed when visual cues were withheld and was more pronounced at the end of the test session when B.A. was fatigued.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. B.A.'s medical history suggests she has diagnosed with a hearing loss several years ago. You do not have access to her previous tests; however, why might she be experiencing more difficulty communicating now, even if her hearing loss has not progressed?
2. Do you think her hearing loss will have an impact on her ability to carry out the recommendations of any of the other team members?
3. Do you think she is a candidate for hearing aids or other assistive devices? If so, what would be appropriate for her? What social and physical issues influence your recommendations in this regard and how can you meet her needs?
4. What non-technology based recommendations do you have for B.A. and her health-care team regarding ways to improve her ability to communicate and understand instructions?