

## Home Health Coding and OASIS Expert

### Assessment: Beware these OASIS Assumptions

**Tip: Ability isn't the only factor to consider when assessing bathing independence.**

Is your agency falling into erroneous OASIS response patterns? Consider these common misconceptions  and then get the facts.

**Tip:** When completing any OASIS assessment, pay attention to the specific patient in front of you, advises **Beth Johnson, MBA, BSN, RN, CRRN, HCS-D, HCS-O**, President of Johnson, Richards & Associates, in Brighton, Mich. Don't rely on past practices or the way you've always answered items.

**Training tool:** Ask clinicians for various scenarios they have encountered and create clarification statements around the scenarios, using reliable OASIS sources for the information, suggests Pat Jump with Rice Lake, Wis.-based Acorn's End Training & Consulting. (See related story on above for a list of reliable sources.)

Start your training efforts off with the following examples from Jump. Each incorrect statement is paired with a clarification designed to improve OASIS accuracy.

