Corticobasal Degeneration (CBD) is a rare neurodegenerative disease with motoric, speech, language and cognitive dysfunction. Corticobasal Degeneration accounts for three percent of the movement disorders diagnosed in the United States (Stover & Watts, 2001).

Participants
The case study consisted of two participants, JS and BS. JS is a 65 year old woman diagnosed with CBD, while BS is her husband and primary communication partner. BS is actively involved, supportive, and proactive throughout the diagnosis and therapy including maintaining detailed journals of JS' progress throughout the years.

Participatory Action Research Method
- Participants helped lead research and were actively involved in data collection planning and reflection.
- Study initiated by JS and BS to pursue research that may ultimately help other families affected by CBD in the future.
- BS took what he had learned in the training and has shared it with other conversational partners and those who interact with JS.

Partner Training
The case study followed a modified multi-modality partner training approach. The modified multi-modality partner training approach was designed to train the conversational partner to reveal competence of the individual with CBD through facilitative strategies.

Implications of Partner Training
- Reducing unsupportive behaviors
- Meaningful empirical data on language behaviors in CBD
- Trained partners can influence communication success of an individual with CBD
- Increasing positive support behaviors
- BS shared partner training strategies with others in the community.

Interpretations
- The increase in BS' positive supporting behaviors increased JS' conversational participation.
- JS is able to participate more when her partner decreases conversational demands.
- Partner training did not influence mutually directed transaction, as JS relies heavily on partner support.

Quizzing
- Pre-Partner Communication Training: 173 Questions
- Post-Partner Communication Training: 40 Questions
- Drill-like quizzing i.e. "Who, What, Can you show me?"
- Did not always wait for a response from JS
- Rapid rate

Follow-Up
- Follow-up assessment was conducted two months after post-testing.
- BS continued use of techniques taught in multi-modality communication training.
- Participants' daughter demonstrated the same facilitative techniques.

Future Directions
- Treatment and assessment of CBD
- Need for more single-subject/case designs in this disorder area
- Comparing ratings with an experienced SLP
- Measuring and rating social closeness

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