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The issue of the 1/3 profile and neurological patients came up on the AACN listserv a few months back. Below was my post with some additional comments.

The information below comes from a lecture slide I put together a number of years ago. I tried to find the best studies I could at the time. In essence, the mean profiles of neurological patients is essentially normal at a group level when looking at a consecutive series, with the only exception being pseudoseizure patients, litigants and somatisizers (the worried well outpatient referral from neurology with a psych hx). The groups below are spinal cord injury, closed head injury, headache, seizure and pseudoseizure patients. While neurological patients will admit to symptoms that are reflected in scales 1 and 3, there are only a finite number of these symptoms that a legitimate neurological patient can report. The excess is picked up by scales 1 and 3.

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| Hy-3 | 61 | 57 | 64 | 57 | 76 |
| Pd-4 | 55 | 59 | 53 | 52 | 57 |
| Mf-5 | 46 | 49 | 47 | 50 | 57 |
| Pa-6 | 53 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 62 |
| Pt-7 | 52 | 57 | 57 | 59 | 61 |
| Sc-8 | 58 | 60 | 54 | 61 | 64 |
| Ma-9 | 55 | 59 | 50 | 55 | 56 |
| Si-0 | 45 | 52 | 53 | 55 | 49 |

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