**Vocational Rehabilitation Case Scenario 2**

Bruce was in a major car accident where he sustained a moderate traumatic brain injury as well as notable on-going cervical pain. As a result of this injury he is experiencing severe and frequent headaches, reduced concentration, irritability and fatigue. Bruce has also found he’s now more sensitive to noise & light. Before his injury he had been working as a physical education teacher. His employer is very supportive and keen that he returns to work, even if undertaking a different role, as he has been a valued employee. Bruce’s wife is supportive although she is finds Bruce’s irritability and memory issues hard to manage. She has noticed that Bruce has a tendency to rush in to trying new activities and as a result has more headaches and fatigue for the next few days. Bruce has been receiving ACC support with increasing his independence with activities for daily living. Bruce is keen to return to work but cannot see how he will actually achieve this goal as he is worried he may over do it and let his employer down. Bruce has just seen his Specialist who is now supportive of a graduated RTW.

**Key questions to provide the direction of your discussion concerning this patient**

1. What are the work tasks that will be an issue for this person?

2. What are your primary rehabilitation goals in relation to the work tasks?

3. What interventions will you use to meet these goals?

4. How would you progress these interventions?

5. What additional factors (physical, individual, psychological) do you need to consider to effectively manage this return to work scenario?

6. In this scenario what other health professionals and other people would you need to liaise with?