

ECT - memory loss

This seems like a good quote for your discussion on memory loss:

Recent memory loss [produced by ECT] could be compared to erasing a tape recording.

ROBERT E. ARNOT, "Observations on the Effects of Electric Convulsive Treatment in Man — Psychological," *Diseases of the Nervous System*, September 1975

Note that this was published not longer after the disclosure of the famous missing (erased) 18 minutes from Nixon' Watergate/White House tapes.

Ch. 8, p. 32 (top) - Perhaps insert this quote from p. 68 of the Task Force report:

In light of the available evidence, "brain damage" need not be included [in the informed-consent form for ECT] as a potential risk.

AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION TASK FORCE ON ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY, *The Practice of Electroconvulsive Therapy: Recommendations for Treatment, Training, and Privileging*, 3.5, 1990

Hope this helps.

All my best,

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