

What is a Speech-Language Pathologist?

Working with the full range of human communication and its disorders, speech-language pathologists evaluate, diagnose, and treat speech, language, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders in individuals of all ages, from birth to geriatrics.



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Pediatric thru Adult:

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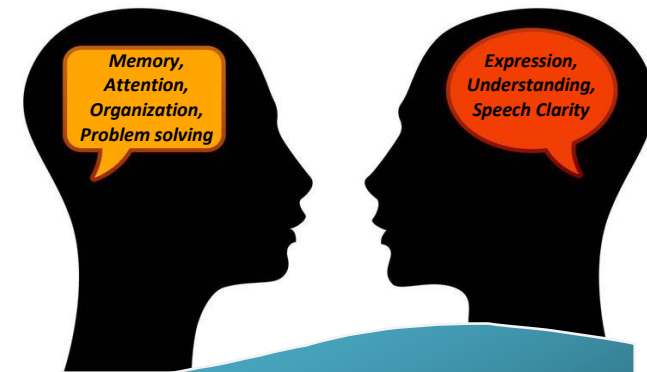
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Speech - Language Therapy

- Client based approach
- Individualized sessions
- Home programs to reinforce therapy



Could I or my loved one benefit from a Speech/Language evaluation?

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If any of the examples below describe yourself or a loved one, a request for a speech and language evaluation through your doctor may be appropriate...

- Difficulty expressing thoughts and ideas using spoken or written language**
- Difficulty understanding spoken language to follow directions or participate in a conversation**
- Difficulty understanding written language**
- Trouble retrieving words to name or describe objects, people, or actions**
- Noticeable decline in ability to speak clearly in a way that others are able to understand (e.g., changes in rate, pronunciation of sounds, or quality of voice)**

Speech/language evaluation checklist continued...

- Decline in ability to attend to activities or daily tasks**
- Difficulty remembering events, people, appointments, dates, etc.**
- Difficulty staying on topic in conversation, often goes off on tangents**
- Difficulty solving simple problems that arise in day-to-day life**
- Cough or wet-sounding voice while or soon after eating or drinking**



Quality, Individualized Treatment in the Areas Of:

- **APHASIA** – reduced ability to communicate and understand language, usually due to a stroke or brain injury
- **DYSARTHRIA** – a nervous system or muscular disorder that makes it difficult to understand a person’s speech
- **APRAXIA OF SPEECH** – a disruption in the signal from the brain to the muscles to coordinate movement of the lips, tongue, jaw, and facial muscles
- **COGNITIVE COMMUNICATION IMPAIRMENTS** – problems with thought processes and language which are related and affect each other
 - **ATTENTION**
 - **MEMORY**
 - **ORGANIZING THOUGHTS**
 - **PROBLEM SOLVING**
- **SWALLOWING DISORDERS (i.e., DYSPHAGIA)** - difficulty, or partial inability to swallow as a result of injury to the parts of the brain, muscles, or nerves that control swallowing