

Speech Therapy



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What Is Speech Therapy?

Speech therapy is available for patients of all ages (infants through geriatrics) to address speech, language, cognitive or swallowing difficulties.

What Areas Are Included In Speech Therapy Services?

- Articulation and Phonological Disorders/Delays
- Language Delays (Expressive and/or Receptive)
- Fluency/Stuttering Disorders
- Swallowing Disorders
- Cognitive/Language Deficits
- Dysarthria/Apraxia of Speech
- Voice

What Do I Have To Do In Order To Receive Speech Therapy?

1. Determine that you feel there is a problem with one of the above areas.
2. Visit your doctor and discuss your concerns.
3. Ask your doctor if he/she feels speech therapy would help.
4. Get an order for speech therapy with the diagnosis from your doctor.
5. Call **(419) 949-3096** to schedule your first appointment.

Articulation/Phonology

Articulation and phonology disorders are errors in the person's speech sounds. For example, a person may say "w" for "r" (wabbit instead of rabbit).

Language Delays

Language development depends on the child's age. As the child grows their language should expand as well. Some examples: By 12 months of age your child should begin to develop one or more words, by 18 months he/she should have approximately 20 words and by the age of two years the child should be combining two words together.



Voice Disorders

This area includes any disorder of the voice (loudness, quality, voice breaks, etc.).

Fluency/ Stuttering Disorders

Stuttering is the repetition, block or prolongation of part words.

Swallowing Disorders

Swallowing disorders can include aspiration, which can lead to pneumonia, and swallowing can become difficult. Morrow County Hospital does offer Modified Barium Swallow Studies to fully evaluate your swallowing abilities and the safety of them.

Cognitive/Language Deficits

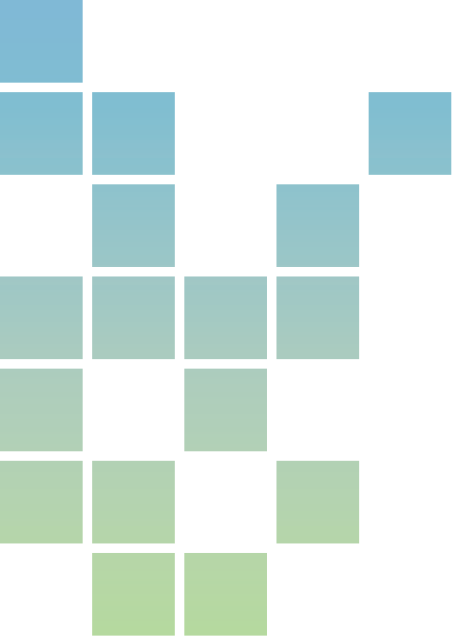
After a traumatic brain injury or stroke, a person's language or cognitive skills can be impaired. Such skills can include: short-term memory, long-term memory, problem solving, reasoning, ability to answer questions appropriately and aphasia (a loss of the ability to produce and/or comprehend).

Dysarthria/Apraxia of Speech (AOS)

Both can result from a stroke. Dysarthria is when there is a facial droop and/or the person's speech has become difficult to understand. AOS is when there is trouble speaking correctly and consistently.

If you have any questions regarding speech therapy, please feel free to contact the Speech Language Pathologist – (419) 949-3096.





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