



The ability to Communicate is vital to our existence.

The Speech Therapy Department of Therapy Plus Fitness works as a team to help patients improve their ability to communicate. In addition to the patient, we work closely with physicians, family, and teachers. Our experienced speech pathologists want to help patients improve their communication skills and lead fuller lives.



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SPEECH THERAPY





What is a speech-language pathologist?

A speech-language pathologist is a licensed health care professional who diagnoses, evaluates, and treats disorders of speech, voice, swallowing, and/or language.

When would I use the services of a speech-language pathologist?

Speech-language pathologists treat communication problems in infants, children, adolescents, and adults. You might consult a pathologist to help...

- someone with a speech impairment, such as stuttering, slurred speech, or voice problems
- someone whose speech or language has been affected by a stroke or head injury
- someone whose speech has been affected by surgery
- someone with a swallowing disorder

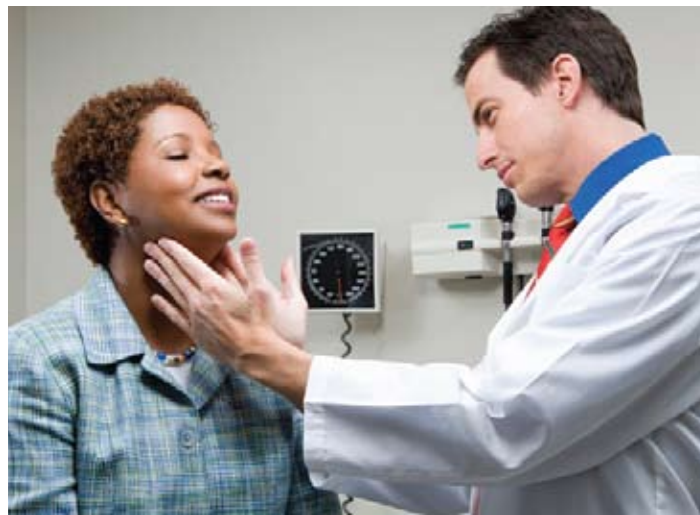
What can I expect to happen during a session with my therapist?

For both adults and children, individual treatment plans are designed to meet the patient's specific needs. The therapist works with the patient's doctor, family, and other care providers to insure the highest quality care.

Speech and Swallowing Therapy for Adults

Speech-language therapy services for adults recovering from stroke or head injury include:

- Comprehensive speech, language, and swallowing evaluations for inpatients and outpatients.
- Modified Barium Swallow Studies
- Disorders treated include:
 - Aphasia
 - Dysphagia (swallowing problems)
 - Dysarthria
 - Dysfluency (stuttering)
 - Apraxia of Speech
 - Voice Disorders
 - Cognitive Disorders
- VitalStim™ Therapy available for the treatment of Dysphagia



Therapy for Pediatric Communication Disorders

Speech-Language therapy services for children include:

- Comprehensive assessment of speech and language
- Treatment of communication disorders including:

Delayed onset of speech/language:
Language therapy focuses on imitation skills and language stimulation in structured play

Articulation Disorders: Difficulties with the way sounds are formed and put together

VitalStim™ Therapy: An innovative approach to Dysphagia Treatment

Dysfluency (stuttering)

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