



# Speech Pathology

Our Speech Pathologists deliver client-centred treatment plans in person or via telehealth that best suit the goals of clients and their families.

**Our Speech Pathologists are experienced in working with adults and teenagers with a range of communication and swallowing difficulties.**

We work with people who have difficulty communicating because of developmental conditions, stroke, brain injuries, learning disabilities, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, dementia, hearing loss, as well as other conditions that can affect speech and language.



**Empower supports your clients with a range of Speech Pathology services :**

- **Expressive Language** - Ability to communicate to others
- **Receptive Language** - Ability to understand others
- **Social Communication** - Communication used within social situations
- **Cognitive Communication** - Attention, memory and executive functioning
- **Multi-modal Communication** - AAC and signing
- **Literacy** - Reading and writing
- **Speech** - Articulation and motor speech disorders
- **Fluency** - Stuttering at all stages of life
- **Voice** - Pitch, volume and quality. Vocal hygiene
- **Swallowing** - Eating and drinking. Meal time management

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# Communication and Swallowing Disorders

We provide strategies and interventions with an aim to improve the independence and quality of life for our clients.

Our Speech Pathology assessments use a combination of informal and standardised tests depending on the needs and ability of the client.

**A consultative approach** is taken throughout the assessment, taking into consideration the needs of the family and goals of other professionals involved.

**Following the assessment**, a summary or comprehensive report is available, with recommended strategies and interventions.



## Communication Skill Services

Our Speech Pathologists are trained in leading evidence based practices and use therapies, techniques and strategies to address:

- Receptive, expressive or pragmatic language
- Motor Speech Disorders - Dysarthria & Apraxia
- Articulation and clarity of speech
- Functional voice disorders
- Alternative communication methods - using iPads and dedicated speech generating devices



## Swallowing Support Services

We are here to support you and your family to manage swallowing difficulties. Our broad range of support and advice covers:

- Environmental setup
- Positioning
- Oral health
- Oral intake of foods, drinks and medications
- Structure and function of the head and neck
- Saliva management

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