



Speech-Language Pathology

Our Speech-Language Pathologists offer outpatient evaluation and treatment services to adults with communication impairments, cognitive-communication deficits, swallowing (dysphagia), or voice problems caused by stroke, traumatic brain injury, cancer, or other forms of neurological conditions or trauma.

Treatment addresses the following areas:

- Chronic Laryngitis (loss of voice)
- Cognitive-Linguistic Disorders
- Dysarthria (often secondary to stroke)
- Feeding Disorders
- Expressive/Receptive Language Deficits
- Growth on the Vocal Cords
- Oral and Verbal Apraxia
- Motor Speech Disorders
- Neurogenic Communication Disorders
- Spasmodic Dysphonia
- Stroke
- Swallowing Problems
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Voice and Swallowing Deficits due to Head and Neck Cancer
- Vocal Nodules
- Vocal Polyps
- Voice Problems

Special Services offered:

LSVT- Lee Silverman Voice Treatment

This is an intensive four-week outpatient treatment program, which has been scientifically and clinically verified to improve the voice and speech of patients with Parkinson's disease or other neurological disorders. In addition to targeting immediate post-treatment improvement, the program focuses on developing skills for long-term maintenance.

Vital Stim for Swallowing

Neuromuscular electrical stimulation (VitalStim) is therapy for patients who have trouble swallowing (dysphagia). It uses small electrical currents to stimulate the muscles responsible for swallowing, while speech-language pathologists help patients re-educate their muscles through rehabilitation therapy.

McNeill Dysphagia Therapy Program

This treatment protocol is an intensive 4-5 days per week for 4 weeks, exercise-based program which organizes these techniques into a hierarchy of events that progressively advance the patient toward more 'normal' eating behavior. It follows a food hierarchy with a home program. It is considered the best route to treatment for the patient who has tried other treatment options without success.

Voice Evaluation and Treatment Programs

Individually designed outpatient programs are available to alleviate voice problems associated with vocal nodules and polyps or with overuse/misuse of the voice. Treatment utilizes biofeedback, exercises, vocal hygiene instruction and recommendations tailored to each person's work, social, and home environments.

Our therapists have more than 38 years of combined service in a health care setting providing speech-language therapy.

For more information, please call 601-200-4920.

