



SERTOMA SPEECH & HEARING CENTERS

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Professional Services for Adults

We diagnose and treat

Aphasia—an impairment of language, affecting the production or comprehension of speech and the ability to read or write.

Apraxia—the loss of previously acquired speech skills. Apraxia describes a wide range of medical conditions involving the inability to perform complex movements.

Dysarthria—problem with the muscles that help produce speech, making it very difficult to pronounce words. Dysarthria occurs when the part of the brain that controls speech production is damaged. When this happens, the muscles needed to make certain sounds may become weak or paralyzed.

Fluency disorders—interruptions in speech characterized by an unusual rate or rhythm of speech, hesitations, repetition of sounds or words, or prolongations of nouns, syllables, words, or phrases.

Articulation disorders—difficulty

with the way sounds are formed and assembled, often characterized by omitting, adding, substituting, or distorting sounds.

Voice disorders—vocal quality, pitch, loudness, resonance, or duration which is inappropriate for an individual's age or gender, or both.

Dementia—broad category describing the loss of cognitive ability (Alzheimer's disease is the most common, about 75% of total dementia patients).

Stuttering—is the condition in which the flow of speech is broken by abnormal pauses (no sound), repetitions (st-st-stut-tering), or prolongations (sssstuttering) of sounds and syllables.

Swallowing impairment (dysphagia)—difficulty swallowing is a condition with many causes and has significant impact on quality of life.

Traumatic brain injuries—devastating and complex condition

with wide variations in both severity and types of trauma to the brain.

Help for Parkinson Disease

PD patients typically speak with a soft, muted voice that sounds mumbled and monotone. A hoarse voice is common too. The most effective way to treat these problems is with speech therapy, specifically LSVT LOUD or SPEAK OUT!®.

Research-based and clinically proven, LSVT LOUD and SPEAK OUT! improve vocal loudness, facial expression, speech intelligibility, and communication confidence.

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