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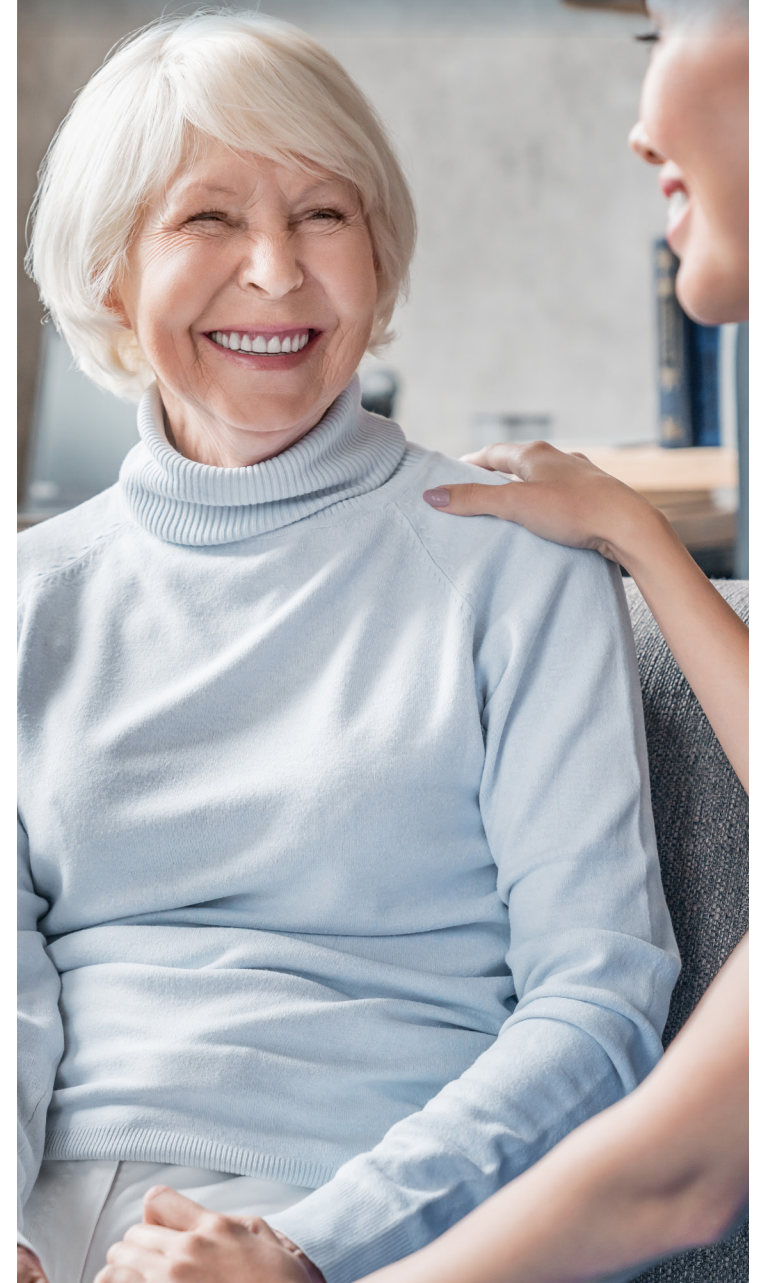


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SPEECH THERAPY SERVICES



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Speech Therapy Services

Speech therapy can significantly improve a person's quality of life. Our Speech Language Pathologists are experienced in the evaluation and treatment of a variety of disorders that affect speech, voice, and swallowing, including but not limited to:

- Aphasia
- Dysarthria
- Apraxia of speech
- Swallowing disorders – Dysphagia (see MBSS and VitalStim®)
- Voice disorders (see LSVT)
- Cognitive rehabilitation
- Tracheostomy
- Laryngectomy
- Cough suppression

Head and Neck Cancers

- Dysphagia evaluation and rehabilitation (see MBSS and VitalStim®)
- Trachesotomy
- Laryngectomy

The latest diagnostics and treatments allow Speech Language Pathologists to develop unique plans for your care through consultation with patients, families, and caregivers.



Modified Barium Swallow Study (MBSS)

A modified barium swallow study (MBSS), sometimes called a “swallow study,” is a radiologic examination of swallowing function performed by a speech pathologist and radiologist who uses a special x-ray called fluoroscopy. Patients are observed swallowing various consistencies and textures, ranging from thin barium to barium-coated cookies, to evaluate the ability to swallow safely and effectively.

VitalStim® Dysphagia Therapy

VitalStim® therapy is a new therapeutic dysphagia intervention now offered by VitalStim® certified Speech Pathologists at McLaren Greater Lansing. It is a special form of neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES) that helps habilitate and/or re-educate the throat muscles needed for swallowing.

VitalStim® therapy does not replace traditional therapy, but it enhances therapy to be most effective. This safe, non-invasive therapy has been used to help thousands of people regain the pleasures of eating and have a higher quality of life.

LSVT LOUD Therapy

LSVT LOUD is an effective speech treatment for people with Parkinson's disease and other neurological conditions. LSVT LOUD trains people with Parkinson's disease to use their voice at a more normal loudness level while speaking. It has also helped those with atypical parkinsonisms, such as progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP), and has shown promise for adults with speech issues arising from stroke or multiple sclerosis.

Beginning therapy with LSVT LOUD before showing significant problems with voice, speech, and communication often leads to the best results, but it's never too late to start. LSVT LOUD has the potential for significant improvements, even for people facing considerable communication difficulties.

To schedule a consultation with our Speech Language Pathologists, please call McLaren Greater Lansing Rehabilitation at (517) 975-3520.