



Dysarthria

Dysarthria is a motor speech disorder that can result in slurred or mumbled speech, speaking too slowly or too fast, and not being able to move your tongue, lips and/or jaw very well. The Speech-Language Pathologist will provide you with different strategies on how to be better understood. These strategies may include slowing down speech, using more breath to speak louder, and strengthening exercises involving the muscles in the oral cavity as well as lips and tongue.

Voice Disorders Therapy

A voice disorder is when there is a change in how someone's voice sounds such as vocal quality, pitch, and loudness. Voice therapy involves establishing appropriate vocal hygiene, assessing structures that affect voice production, improving self-awareness of vocal quality and other contributing factors. The Speech-Language Pathologist will collaborate with you to determine the best treatment options.



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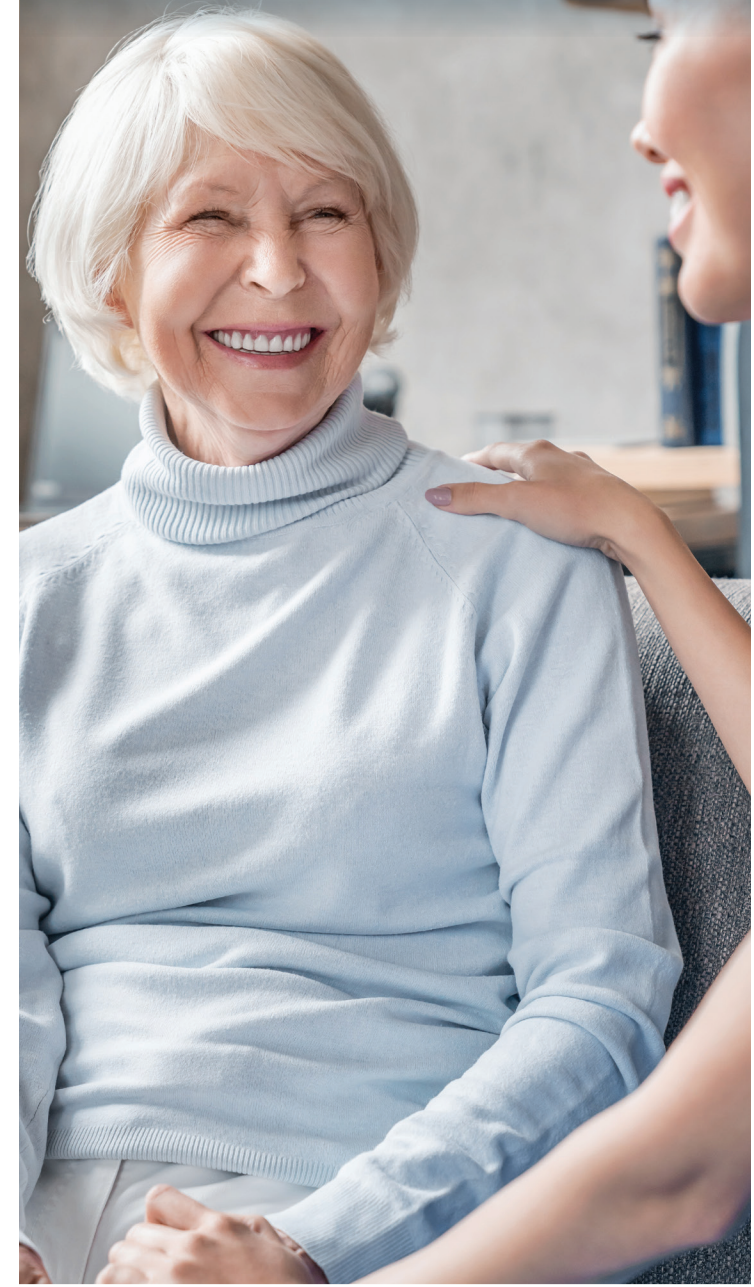
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Speech Therapy Services

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®)
- Tracheostomy
- 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.

Dysphagia Therapy

Dysphagia therapy helps to habilitate and/or re-educate the throat muscles needed for swallowing. Swallowing exercises involve a variety of oral-motor exercises specifically selected for your needs. These exercises are all non-invasive ways that a Speech-Language Pathologist can assist in the rehabilitation of one's swallowing mechanism to help you regain the pleasures of eating and have a higher quality of life.

Aphasia Treatment

Aphasia is an acquired neurogenic language disorder resulting from an injury to the brain. Areas of communication that may be impacted include language expression, language comprehension, written expression, and reading comprehension. A certified Speech-Language Pathologist can assist in restorative and/or compensatory aphasia treatment. The treatment approach that the SLP chooses is dependent on your individual needs and deficits. Aphasia treatment has shown promise for those who have experienced an injury to their brain and has restored hope in communicating with their loved ones.

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