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Communication and Swallowing Resources

Learn how **audiologists and speech-language pathologists (SLPs)** can support you and your patients across the lifespan using evidence-based practices.

Services & Referrals

Audiology & SLP Scopes of Practice

Infographic about what audiologists and SLPs do in prevention, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing, balance, communication, cognition, and swallowing problems.



Referral Guidelines

Tools to facilitate more timely and appropriate referrals for adult and pediatric speech-language pathology services across the health care continuum.



Demonstration of Value

Data Snapshots

Real-world outcome data highlighting functional gains and the value of speech-language pathology services across a variety of patient populations and settings.



Supporting Health Equity

Communication Access

A practical guide for health professionals to support patients with hearing, communication or cognitive difficulties during clinical interactions – includes ASHA's ACCESS framework, a set of six strategies to reduce communication barriers and improve health outcomes.

Webpage



ACCESS PDF (English)



ACCESS PDF (Spanish)



Patient, Family and Care Partner Resources

Developmental Milestones

Downloadable handouts and interactive quizzes about communication and feeding/swallowing milestones from birth to age 5.



Early Intervention

A plain-language overview of early intervention (EI) services for children birth to age 3, including the referral process, eligibility, and the roles of audiologists and SLP.



Audiology Patient Education Handouts

Free, printable handouts on hearing loss and hearing-related topics, available in English and Spanish.



ASHA's Consumer Resource Hub

Information for patients, families, and the general public on hearing, balance, speech, language, feeding and swallowing across the lifespan.



Finding an Audiologist or SLP

ASHA ProFind

An online directory to help locate ASHA-certified audiologists and SLPs who have indicated they are accepting referrals.



Questions?

Contact ASHA's Action Center:

- By email at actioncenter@asha.org
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