

What is a speech Disorder?

A speech disorder is a problem with fluency, voice, and or how a person says speech sounds.



- **Fluency Disorder**—an interruption in the flow or rhythm of speech characterized by hesitations, repetitions, or prolongations of sounds, syllables, words, or phrases.
- **Articulation Disorder**—difficulties with the way sounds are formed and strung together, usually characterized by substituting one sound for another (wabbit for rabbit), omitting a sound (han for hand), and distorting a sound (ship for sip).
- **Voice Disorder**—characterized by inappropriate pitch (too high, too low, never changing, or interrupted by breaks); quality (harsh, hoarse, breathy, or nasal); loudness, resonance and duration.

What is a language disorder?

A language disorder is a problem with understanding and/or using spoken, written, and/or symbol systems (ie: gestures and sign language). The disorder may involve the form, content or function of language. Language disorders can also include:

- Impaired language development—characterized by marked slowness or gaps in the development of language skills.
- Aphasia—the loss of acquired language abilities, generally resulting from stroke or brain injury.



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By assessing the speech, language, cognitive-communication, and swallowing skills of children and adults, Speech Pathologist Mary K. Greene can identify types of communication problems and the best way to treat them. She treats problems in the areas of articulation, dysfluency, swallowing, speech, and voice, as well as receptive and expressive language disorders.

Patients need a doctor's referral for this outpatient service. After a referral is made, patients will be contacted to schedule an appointment.

Speech And Language Therapy



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Do You Experience Any Of The Following Symptoms?

- Difficulty chewing
- Coughing during or after swallowing
- A “gurgly” sounding voice after eating
- Inability to swallow
- Consistent feeling that there is a lump in your throat
- The need to “wash down” solid foods
- Unexpected weight loss



Do You Or Your Child Experience Any Of The Following Symptoms?

- Difficulty forming words
- Slurred speech
- Hoarse voice or voice disturbances
- Difficulty understanding written or spoken words
- Hearing loss
- Inability to recall known words
- Ongoing difficulty expressing certain sounds or words
- Difficulty swallowing
- Facial weakness following a muscular stroke or head trauma
- Complications due to a neuromuscular disease

If yes, you or your child may benefit from LCGH's Speech Language Therapy program.

Lewis County General Hospital's Speech and Language Therapy Program provides adults and children the comprehensive care needed to improve speech, language, cognition and swallowing function in order to provide greater independence.



Our experienced, licensed, speech language therapist works with patients of all ages, providing inpatient and outpatient treatments in a variety of settings such as acute care, nursing home, outpatient and home based care, tailored to best meet each patient's individual needs, goals and preferences.

Common Conditions Treated Include:

- Aphasia
- Apraxia of speech
- Auditory Processing Disorders
- Autism
- Brain tumors and injury
- Cleft palate
- Developmental speech/language delays
- Feeding issues
- Degenerative neuromuscular diseases
- Developmental delays
- Head/neck cancer
- Head trauma
- Neurological diseases
- Parkinson's disease
- Receptive/expressive language disorders
- Stroke
- Stuttering
- Swallowing disorders
- Voice disorders

Treatments include exercises and therapies to increase oral motor strength and range of motion, as well as therapies and strategies to improve language and cognitive functioning.

- We also offer Modified Barium Swallow Studies



Goals of Speech and Language Therapy program

- Restore function
- Enhance communication
- Increase independence
- Improve life

Throughout treatment, our healthcare team will stay in contact with the referring physician, providing regular progress updates.



For more information or to make a referral, please call 315-376-5225.