

Who are we?

Speech-Language Pathologists are health care professionals trained to assess and treat a broad range of communication disorders. As well, speech pathologists are specialists in assessing and managing swallowing disorders.

Communication Services

It is estimated that 1 in 10 Canadians suffers from a communication disorder.

At Norfolk General, the range of services for adults includes assessment, treatment, and consultation regarding:

- neurological communication disorders resulting from stroke, traumatic brain injury, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, ALS, etc.
- stuttering and related fluency disorders
- voice disorders
- post-operative follow-up for patients with oral/laryngeal cancer
- developmental speech and language delays/disorders

- basic level augmentative-alternative communication needs (Note: we are not an ADP authorizing clinic.)

Swallowing Services

Assessment and consultation services are available for those suffering from dysphagia secondary to:

- stroke or brain injury
- progressive neurological conditions (e.g., ALS, progressive supranuclear palsy, etc.)
- skeletal muscle/connective tissue diseases (e.g., scleroderma, Sjogren's syndrome)
- oral/laryngeal cancer



- trauma

The swallowing assessment includes gathering medical history, an oral motor examination and observation of eating. This is required before a videofluoroscopic swallowing study (modified barium swallow) can be carried out.

Speech pathology services are funded by Norfolk General Hospital. There is no cost to the client.



Services are provided to outpatients as well as inpatients. A physician's referral is required.

For further information or to make a referral, contact:

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