LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER -
SHREVEPORT

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICE

Purpose:

To describe the provision of speech-language pathology services for patients of LSUHSC.

Policy:

1. Data related to speech-language status is collected/assessed on admission by nursing and medical staff.
   
   A. Outpatient - Consultation forms completed by physicians shall be forwarded to the Speech - Language Pathologist in the Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery Clinic as needs for Speech - Language Services are identified.
   
   B. For inpatient consults, attach consult to the chart and call the Otolaryngology Clinic.

2. Speech - Language consult should be ordered on patients with speech, language, or dysphasia problems, including the following:
   
   A. Education related to speech - language disorder
   
   B. Swallowing evaluation – (Bedside and Videofluoroscopy)
   
   C. Head and neck cancer preoperative counseling
   
   D. Voice restoration following total laryngectomy
   
   E. Fitting voice prostheses
   
   F. Stroke evaluation/rehabilitation
   
   G. Traumatic brain injury / Closed head injury evaluation / Rehabilitation
   
   H. Other concerns within the scope of practice of Speech-Language Pathology
3. Speech - Language assessments are performed by qualified personnel within 48 hours of consult, if deemed necessary by the on-call Otolaryngology/Head & Neck physician. Consult the on-call physician to manage emergency consults after clinic hours, weekends or holidays.

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Administrator

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Date

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