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:  
A. Data related to speech-language status is collected/assessed on admission by nursing and medical staff.  
1. Outpatient consultations should be placed in the electronic health record (EHR) as ambulatory care referrals for speech pathology.  
2. Outpatient videofluoroscopic swallow evaluations should be placed in the EHR and the ACC radiology department will schedule the procedure.  
3. For inpatient consults, orders should be placed in EHR.  

B. Speech - Language consult should be ordered on patients with speech, language, or dysphasia problems, including the following:  
1. Education related to speech - language disorder  
2. Education related to feeding/swallowing disorders  
3. Swallowing evaluation – (Bedside, Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) and Videofluoroscopy)  
4. Adult Swallowing Assessment and treatment  
5. Pediatric feeding and swallowing assessment and treatment  
6. Head and neck cancer preoperative counseling  
7. Voice restoration following total laryngectomy  
8. Fitting voice prostheses  
9. Voice evaluation and treatment  
10. Evaluation and Treatment of Speech, Language, Swallowing Disorders related to Stroke  
11. Evaluation and Treatment of Speech, Language, Swallowing Disorders related to Traumatic brain injury / Closed head injury evaluation
12. Other concerns within the scope of practice of Speech-Language Pathology

C. Speech - Language assessments are performed by qualified personnel within 24 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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