

## Symptoms of Speech and Language Difficulties

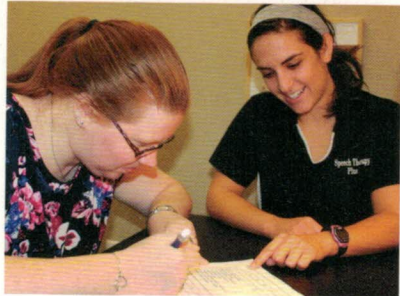
- Memory Problems or Disorientation
- Slurred Speech
- Weak Facial or Oral Motor Musculature
- Difficulty Saying Words (Aphasic or Apraxic)
- Difficulty Naming Words or People
- Difficulty Comprehending or Answering Questions
- Difficulty With Problem Solving, Impaired Judgment, Reasoning, or Organization
- Difficulty With Reading or Writing
- Difficulty With Repetition
- Difficulty With Pragmatics, Social Interaction, or Social Communication

## Symptoms of Swallowing Problems

- Coughing, Choking, or Clearing Throat During or After Eating or Drinking
- Watery Eyes or Runny Nose During or After Eating or Drinking
- History Of Recurrent Lower Lobe Pneumonia
- Temperature Spikes
- Wet/Gurgly Voice During or After Eating or Drinking
- Complaints That Food is Stuck in Throat
- Difficulty Chewing or Managing Food (Transferring From Front to Back)
- Spillage of Food or Liquid From Mouth
- Slurred/Dysarthric Speech
- Facial Droop/Weakness

## An ENT consult may be needed if...

- Chronically Hoarse, Harsh, Breathly, or Raspy Voice Quality
- Inappropriate Vocal Pitch for Age and Gender
- Pitch Breaks
- Difficulty Swallowing That is Unrelated to a Neurological Cause
- History of Acid Reflux
- Volume That is Too Loud or Too Soft



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## Speech Therapy for Adults

**Patients with the following diagnoses may have speech, language, cognitive, and/or swallowing problems:**

- Stroke
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA)
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Parkinson's Disease
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Myasthenia Gravis
- Anoxia
- Weakness Post Surgery or Illness
- Head or Neck Cancer

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