

# Speech and Audiology

ST. JOHN MEDICAL CENTER



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The Department of Speech and Audiology serves the needs of the individual from initial evaluation through the rehabilitation process, providing speech, language, swallowing and hearing services to people of all ages. We offer state-of-the-art services, including comprehensive speech and language diagnostic evaluations and comprehensive audiological assessment. We also provide speech/language intervention and aural rehabilitation, including hearing aids.

Our clinical staff is board-certified and Ohio licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists committed to maintaining the highest standard of excellence in all areas of service to the patient. We work closely with St. John Medical Center's otolaryngologists, and physical and occupational therapists to deliver quality, coordinated care.

## Services:

### Speech and Language

- Speech/Language/Cognitive Evaluations
- Swallowing Evaluations
- Treatment and Intervention
- Inpatient Services
- Outpatient Services

### Audiology

- Pediatric Audiology
- Adult Audiology
- Behavioral Hearing Assessments
- Otoacoustic Emissions
- Hearing Aid Evaluation and Fitting

## We offer diagnosis and treatment for:

### Speech and Language

- Speech sound disorders
  - Articulation, apraxia, dysarthria, ataxia, dyskinesia
- Voice
  - Phonation quality, pitch, loudness, respiration
- Fluency
- Language (receptive and expressive)
  - Literacy, pragmatics, semantics, phonology, morphology, syntax
- Cognition
  - Memory, attention, problem solving, executive functioning
- Swallowing and Feeding
  - Oral, pharyngeal, laryngeal, esophageal, orofacial mycology (including tongue thrust), oral-motor functions

### Audiology

- Sensorineural hearing loss
- Conductive hearing loss
- Mixed hearing loss
- Congenital hearing loss

For more information, to make a referral, or schedule an appointment, call 440-835-6160.

## Pediatric Audiology

The Speech and Audiology Department conducts hearing evaluations for children ages six months and older. Children are typically referred to us because of hearing concerns, speech and language delays, or learning problems in school. Audiometric evaluations, hearing aid evaluations and fittings, and hearing aid orientation are important parts of this program. Parent counseling and follow up are provided. We also can facilitate referrals for medical evaluations, additional assessments or referrals to treatment programs or schools, if needed.

## Qualified Hearing Aid Fittings

The primary factor in the success of your hearing aid fitting is the skill and experience of the provider. The credentials of hearing aid providers can be confusing. The audiologist is the highest-trained individual in the diagnosis, testing, evaluation, and rehabilitation of non-medical hearing loss. A licensed audiologist is the most qualified professional to diagnose and evaluate your hearing, and to recommend and provide a comprehensive solution to your hearing needs.

## Speech and Language

Our speech-language pathologists' qualifications include prevention, identification, evaluation, and treatment of congenital and acquired communication and swallowing disorders for patients of all ages. Services are provided for language disorders to improve understanding and expression of language, for cognitive communication disorders to improve reasoning, memory, problem solving, and organization skills, for speech disorders to improve articulation and fluency, for voice disorders to improve vocal quality, and for swallowing disorders to ensure that patients are on safe diets. The American Speech Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) describes the overall objective for speech-language pathologists "is to optimize individuals' ability to communicate and swallow, thereby improving quality of life." Services begin with an initial evaluation that determines the presence or absence of a problem. After the evaluation, a unique treatment plan is developed for the patient in order to provide the best care that they need.

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