

Developmental Apraxia of Speech

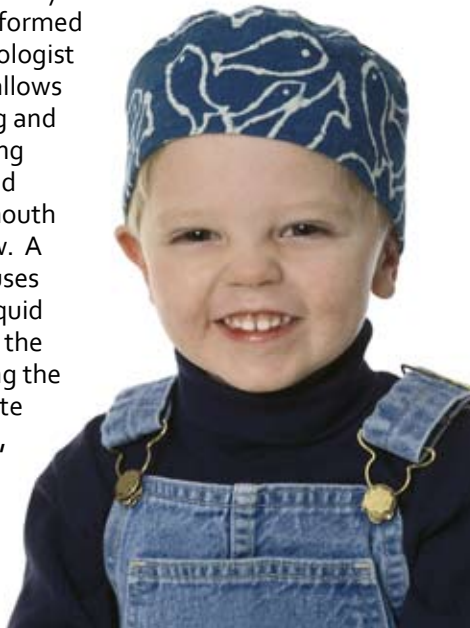
Developmental apraxia of speech occurs in children from birth. It causes children to have trouble correctly combining speech sounds to form words. It is not due to weakness or paralysis, but instead is a difficulty coordinating the movements needed for speech. Therapy focuses on improving the planning, sequencing, and coordination of muscle movements for speech. Multi-sensory feedback such as tactile, visual and auditory cues, help children repeat words and sentences which improves muscle coordination and sequencing for speech.

Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing

Problems with feeding and swallowing may include difficulty with sucking, chewing food, swallowing solids or liquids, coughing or choking when eating, and food sticking in the throat. Therapy focuses on each child's medical and nutritional status, motor skills, sensory systems, and behavioral/emotional capabilities to achieve efficient and safe oral feeding in line with developmental milestones.

Pediatric Modified Barium Swallow Study

A modified barium swallow study is a video x-ray examination performed jointly with the speech pathologist and radiologist. This study allows for a detailed look at feeding and swallowing systems, including the skills needed for food and liquid management in the mouth and throat, to safely swallow. A pediatric swallow study focuses on ensuring that food and liquid are channeled normally into the stomach and are not entering the airway. It provides immediate feedback and clinical results, reducing the need for a "trial and error" approach to treatment.



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Pediatric Speech Pathologist

Speech Language Pathologists, also known as Speech Therapists, are professionals educated in the study of human communication and swallowing. A pediatric speech pathologist works specifically with children, sometimes at birth, to correct or modify speech, language, cognitive-communication, and feeding/swallowing disorders.

Speech pathologists are members of an interdisciplinary healthcare team, who along with other members of the team, coordinate their plans of care with physician specialists such as pediatricians, family practitioners, ENT's, neurologists, gastroenterologists, and physiatrists.

Pediatric speech services are available for inpatients within Avita Health System, including newborns in The Birth Place. We provide outpatient services at our Speech House at Galion Community Hospital, at Healthtrax in Bucyrus, and at our ENT Medical Center in Ontario.

Diagnoses benefiting from Speech Therapy:

- ADD/ADHD
- Apraxia of speech
- Articulation Disorder
- Auditory Processing Disorder
- Autism/PDD
- Cerebral Palsy
- Developmental Delay
- Expressive/Receptive Language Delay
- Feeding/Swallowing Disorders (Dysphagia)
- Fluency disorders (stuttering)
- Genetic Syndromes
- Hearing Impairment
- Learning disabilities
- Mental Retardation
- Pragmatic/Social Skills
- Traumatic Brain Injury

Our Services Include:

- Alternative/Augmentative Communication
- Apraxia of Speech
- Articulation/Phonology
- Auditory processing disorders
- Cognitive-Communication
- Expressive Language/Receptive Language
- Feeding/Swallowing Development
- Fluency
- Oral-Motor/Sensory Development
- Pragmatic or Social Interaction Skills
- Voice



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and Ontario*

Why Choose Avita Health System for Speech Therapy?

- Therapy availability in three locations (BCH, GCH, Ontario)
- Audiology, ENT services, and speech therapy working together to serve you
- Individual and group treatment sessions available
- Opportunities for you to play an active role in the therapy process
 - Play-based or structured sessions depending on your child's needs
 - Functional carry-over activities to practice with your child
 - Quarterly progress reports
 - Collaboration with physicians and additional professionals working with your child
 - Assessments as needed or requested
 - Feeding/swallowing or Dysphagia therapy available
 - Modified Barium Swallow or "Swallow Study" available at GCH or BCH