

SPEECH THERAPY



Changes in health often mean changes in abilities, daily routine and ease of comfort in the home environment. AseraCare Home Health recognizes the need patients have to return to the healthy and active life they enjoyed before they were affected by illness, injury or surgery.

We know that speech therapy helps patients do more than regain their ability to communicate—speech therapy addresses a person’s ability to swallow, their ability to pay attention to others or a task without becoming distracted, and even their ability to read and write correspondence. Our goal is to restore these functions and help patients feel more secure, independent and self-confident.



AseraCare Home Health

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Speech therapy is more than just talking, it's also:

- Verbal expression
- Understanding
- Attention
- Orientation
- Judgment or safety awareness
- Reasoning
- Problem solving
- Sequencing
- Memory
- Reading-functional reading
- Writing-functional correspondence
- Voice
- Hearing
- Swallowing
- Diet modification
- Medication management
- Money management (e.g. writing checks)

How do you know speech therapy is needed? If you notice these “red flags:”

- Difficulty making needs known
- Speech is hard to understand
- Problems finding the right words when speaking
- Decreased safety awareness
- Decreased decision making skills
- Forgetfulness
- Confusion
- Getting lost in unfamiliar or familiar locations
- Difficulty following directions
- Decreased reading skills including ability to read signs, schedules, phone books, etc.
- Decreased functional writing skills
- Poor voice quality
- Low volume of voice
- Decreased hearing
- Coughing, choking, sneezing when eating or drinking
- Unexplained weight loss
- Inappropriate diet caused by inability to swallow certain textures, or fear of swallowing
- Confusion with medication, type, sequence, timing, etc.
- Inability to pay bills, write checks, use credit card