



## Scope of Practice

The practice of speech-language pathology is the assessment of speech and language functions and the treatment and prevention of speech and language dysfunctions or disorders to develop, maintain, rehabilitate or augment oral motor or communicative functions.

Controlled Act  
Authorized to Speech  
Language Pathology  
for "Putting an  
instrument, hand or  
finger into an artificial  
opening in the body".  
Procedures Pertaining  
to  
Tracheoesophageal  
Voice Restoration  
Following Total  
Laryngectomy.

# Speech-Language Pathology

**Professional Practice Leader (Charlton, West 5th):**  
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## Number of Members of Discipline:

SITE	FTE	PTE	POSITION
Charlton	8.6		Speech-Language Pathologists
West 5th	.4		Speech-Language Pathologists
Offsite: Satellite Health Facility (SHF)	1		Speech-Language Pathologists

## Major Achievements

### CARING

#### Clinical Practice:

- Received the 2022 Hamilton Spectator Readers' Choice Diamond Award for Speech Therapy Services.
- Offered in-person and virtual New Voice Club, a support group for patients who have had a laryngectomy and their family.
- Offered virtual, telephone and in-person appointments in the Outpatient Swallowing Clinic.

### LEARNING

#### Education:

##### Clinical Education

- Offered four clinical placements for McMaster SLP learners.
- Provided one learner placement for a Western University student in the Applied Health Sciences Master's program.
- Two SLPs participated in the Multi Mini Interview (MMI) process for new admissions to McMaster University SLP program.

##### Formal Teaching

- One SLP is an Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct), School of Rehabilitation Science.
- Provided lecture to McMaster SLP students regarding Voice Restoration Post-Laryngectomy.

## LEARNING Education continued...

### Internal Education

- Offered in-service education to Nephrology nursing staff regarding oral care for patients with dysphagia.
- Provided informal education to Respiratory Therapists regarding Laryngectomy, Heat Moisture Exchange (HME) and Larytubes.
- In collaboration with Clinical Nutrition, provided education regarding dysphagia management to the healthcare team at the Satellite Health Facility.

## BUILDING

### Professional Practice Development:

- All Staff completed Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) Verbal Intervention training.
- One SLP participated in “The Art of Learning” leadership seminar.



## LEADING

### Committees:

- Volunteer Committee Member for the Speech Language Pathology Program Council and Admissions Working Group in the School of Rehabilitation Sciences for McMaster University.
- Member of Hamilton Region Speech and Language and Audiology Council (HRSLAC).
- Member of Southern Ontario SLP Leaders Group.
- Member of SLP of Ontario Oncology Network (SPOON).

## Major Initiatives for 2023:

### CARING

- Evaluation of Patient Satisfaction Questionnaire for the Outpatient Swallowing Clinic to establish areas of improvement based upon patient feedback.
- Investigate use of Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES), as another swallowing assessment tool.
- Improve access to pre-operative counselling for head and neck patients.
- Improve timely access to outpatient swallowing clinic.



## LEARNING

- Continue to offer clinical placements to SLP learners at McMaster University.

2022-23