



NSW Speech Pathology EBP Interest Group Adult Language

Terms of Reference 2022

Introduction

The Speech Pathology Adult Language EBP group changed in 2007 to become a specific group, where once dysphagia and speech were included. The group comes together to discuss Speech Pathology EBP issues related to acquired Adult Language impairments (not as a result of a traumatic brain injury). The group strives to adhere to Evidence Based Practice.

The specific aims of the group include:

- To review literature and evidence in acquired Adult Language impairments
- To provide a forum for peer support, guidance, and reciprocal education
- To exchange ideas, e.g. clinical guidelines, QI projects, Education projects
- To review and implement best practice and common procedures in Adult Language intervention

- To maintain affiliation with NSW Evidence Based Practice network

Operation

The meetings will operate to an agenda. All agenda items should be forwarded to the Chairperson one week prior to meetings. The chairperson will be one of the co-leaders in 2022. Minutes will be taken by members on a rotating roster. Each year at the first meeting, an active contact list will be developed and updated as required at each meeting.

Membership

Active members will be currently working with adult patients with acquired language impairment (not as a result of TBI) in their workplace. For clinicians who are not currently working with these patients they will have opportunities to access clinical information via the EBP website and will not be regarded as active members.

All active members are required to attend at least 2 meetings each year (either face to face or by teleconference) with the responsibility of sharing information to their colleagues in their Speech Pathology departments as required. Active members are also required to actively participate in EBP activities including leading a journal article discussion and sharing reflections on implementation of the evidence (or equivalent activity) per year.

Student Speech Pathologists can participate in meetings with their CE as appropriate. Inactive membership is not available for this group.

Meetings

The NSW Adult Language EBP group will meet 4-6 times annually. The meeting dates will be set at the first meeting of each year (February meeting). The 2022 Meetings will be held via teleconference. Face-to-face meetings will be held at Concord Hospital, in the Concord Medical Education Centre (CMEC).

Terms of reference (TOR) will be reviewed on an annual basis. TOR last revised by the Adult Language EBP group 09/12/2021.