

Who needs Speech Pathology?

If you or someone you know has difficulty with any of the following they may need to see a speech pathologist:

- Understanding what is being said or following directions.
- Difficulty finding the words they need / want to say.
- Trouble expressing themselves.
- Being understood or heard by others.
- Having trouble articulating sounds accurately.
- Change in voice quality, vocal fatigue, or pain on voice use.
- Losing voice regularly.
- Difficulties participating in social settings.
- Stuttering.
- Coughing or difficulty swallowing food or drink.
- Choking or difficulty chewing food.

Kyabram District Health Service

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What is a Speech Pathologist?

Speech Pathologists are trained to assess, diagnose and treat communication and swallowing difficulties for people of all ages.

Communication

This includes; speech (articulation), language (understanding and using verbal, written or alternative communication such as sign, gesture, symbol or voice output systems), voice (quality and use of the sound made from the voice box), hearing, and fluency (stuttering).

Swallowing

This includes difficulties chewing or swallowing food or drink. People who are coughing, choking or vomiting regularly during or after meals, snacks or fluid intake may have difficulties with swallowing.

Difficulties in these areas can occur from birth; developmental delays; physical disabilities; acquired injuries such as stroke, cancer, surgery or accidents; abuse or impairments of voice/hearing; aging; disease and many other factors.

Speech Pathology Services at Kyabram District Health Service

KDHS Speech Pathology department services;

- Kyabram Hospital
- Sheridan Aged Care
- People within the community (Kyabram, Rushworth, Stanhope, Girgarre, Tongala, Lancaster)
- Children (aged 0-6)
- Adults

Speech Pathology will assess and provide information, resources, education, support, and individual therapy programs, to help to maximize the client's and family's communication /swallowing potential.

Referrals

Referrals can be made to the Speech Pathology department at Kyabram District Health Service by individuals, families, doctors, Maternal and Child Health Nurses, Preschool teachers and day care centers, as well as other health professionals and services.

Fees

There is a fee charged for your visit. Clients who do not attend an appointment, or give less than 24 hours notice of cancellation, may be charged. Clients are charged at minimum rates:

- Healthcare/Pension card holders \$9.60
- Medicare card holders \$14.70
- High income level \$46.00

(Some exclusions apply to these fees, please discuss with your clinician.)

If you cannot keep your appointment for any reason, contact our reception with 24 hours notice on Ph: 5857 0200

Privacy & Confidentiality

Speech Pathology is confidential. Your information is kept securely and only released with your permission. For more information on privacy and confidentiality please ask your Speech Pathologist at Kyabram District Health Service.

