



NSW ADULT SPEECH PATHOLOGY LANGUAGE EBP GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE - 2008

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 Adult Language intervention. The group strives to achieve best practice based on Evidence Based Practice.

The specific aims of the group include:

- To review literature and evidence in Adult Language
- To provide a forum for peer support, guidance and reciprocal education
- To exchange ideas e.g. clinical guidelines, QI projects, Education projects
- To review 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 2008. Thereafter the chair will be nominated by the group and elected, remaining in the position for a period of one year.

Each year at the first meeting, an active contact list will be developed and updated as required at each meeting. A non-active member contact list will also be developed and updated as required.

Membership

Active members should be currently working with Adult Language patients in their workplace. For clinicians who are not currently working with Language 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 with the responsibility of sharing information to their colleagues in their Speech Pathology departments as required. Access to teleconferencing can be arranged on a needs basis. Active members are also required to actively participate in EBP activities. Non active members will receive minutes of each meeting but may not receive EBP activities as these can be accessed on the EBP network website.

Student Speech Pathologists are required to only attend the meetings with their CE if/ s appropriate.

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 2008 Meetings will be held at Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney.

**Terms of reference developed by the NSW Adult Language EBP group 2007.
TOR will be reviewed on an annual basis.
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