



NSW Speech Pathology Evidence Based Practice Interest Group

Paediatric Language Evidence Based Practice Group Terms of Reference

Purpose

- To develop core skills in appraising literature for professional clinical practice in paediatric language.
- To appraise literature with the view to answering specific clinical questions.
- To develop a bank of evidence to be used by clinicians in their clinical practice.
- To produce appraisals of literature (CAPs and CATs) of a high quality to be included on the NSW Speech Pathology EBP website.
- To ensure appropriate standard of appraisal through peer review of CAPs and CATs.
- To provide a forum to engage in peer clinical case discussion.
- To engage rural clinicians in the group.

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Participants (Membership Criteria)

- Clinicians working with children with language impairment.
- Must have previously attended NSW Speech Pathology EBP Network training.
- Demonstrate a commitment to contributing to the process of EBP and producing CAPs and CATs.
- All participants must RSVP their attendance or apology for every meeting.
- A quorum of 4 participants is to exist before a meeting can take place (including teleconferencing).
- Those who cannot attend meetings and send their apologies are to endeavour to contribute to the group by emailing their CAPs/CATs to the group leader prior to the scheduled meeting.
- Students are welcome under the supervision of their clinical educator.

Meeting Frequency and Venues

- Meetings are held four times per year on a quarterly basis on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- Meeting venues will alternate across sites.
- Where possible, teleconferencing facilities will be made available.
- Dates for 2009

- 18th February at Liverpool Hospital
- 19th May at Sydney Children's Hospital
- 18th August at University of Sydney
- 17th November at Liverpool Hospital
- The 5th meeting of the year is the Annual EBP Extravaganza at the Sydney Children's Hospital. This event runs in December.

Meeting Time

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Agenda

- The meeting agenda will be circulated via email by the contact person prior to each meeting.
- Agenda items can be emailed to the contact person or raised on the day.
- Standing items on the agenda include
 - Completion of CAPs/CATs together as a group
 - Review of CAPs/CATs completed
 - Clinical case discussions where appropriate

Minutes

- Minute taking is rotated around the group.
- Minutes are emailed to the contact person after each meeting.
- The contact person will then email the minutes to all group members.