

WEISMAN CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION HOSPITAL (WCRH)

REHAB DEPARTMENT MANUAL

**SUBJECT: Speech Language Pathology
Department Purpose & Goals**

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PURPOSE:

It is the purpose of the Speech Language Pathology Department to provide screening, evaluation and treatment services to individuals with disabilities in communication, cognition and feeding/swallowing in order that the patient will achieve maximum function/independence, and quality of life, as well as be able to more effectively integrate into his/her family, community, and learning &/or work environments.

GOALS:

1. To act as an integral member of a collaborative interdisciplinary team,
With the following goals:
 - a. To assist the communicatively and cognitively impaired patient in achieving maximum communicative competence and independence.
 - b. To assist the patient with dysphagia with feeding/swallowing dysfunction to maximize the ability to safely gain nutritional sustenance orally.
2. To maintain and provide the highest possible quality of care by actively participating in interdisciplinary team management and involving the patient and family in the establishment and implementation of treatment and discharge goals.
3. To assess the delivery of departmental services at least annually.
4. To continually assess the Speech-Language Pathology program in relation to the needs of the community.
5. To promote professional growth through the exchange of knowledge within and across disciplines and within the professional community.

Director of Inpatient Therapy Services

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