



How you want to be treated.

Speech Therapy Outpatient Services

Holy Family Hospital

Have you had a recent change in your ability
to communicate or swallow?

If so, we may be able to help.

What is Speech Therapy?

Have you (or someone you know) had a stroke, brain injury or other medical problem which has changed how you speak, understand, read, write or swallow? We help adults who have trouble with communication, swallowing, or both.

- Do people tell you your speech sounds 'slurred' or is hard to understand?
- Do you find it is not easy to find words or express your thoughts?
- Are you having trouble understanding questions or following conversations?
- Do you have trouble reading or writing?
- Do you find it hard to swallow food or drinks?
- Are you finding it hard to keep track of things, sort out problems, or keep your mind focused on tasks?

If you answered 'Yes' to any of these, we may be able to help you.

How can I get Speech Therapy?

Your doctor must refer you to our services. After your doctor has sent us a completed referral form, we put you on our 'wait list'. When a space comes open, our booking clerk calls you to make an appointment.

Please Note: You must get to your appointment on your own, or with a caregiver. We cannot see people who need extra support or supervision from our staff.

What happens when I come for therapy?

First, we talk with you about your communication or swallowing problems. We do some tests to see how you are talking, understanding, reading, writing, and swallowing. After this, we talk about what kind of treatment will work best for you.

Sometimes we look at other ways of communicating such as picture or word-boards, alphabet boards or communication devices.

We teach you how to live with your communication or swallowing problem. If you want, we are happy to involve your family in your therapy.

How long will I get therapy?

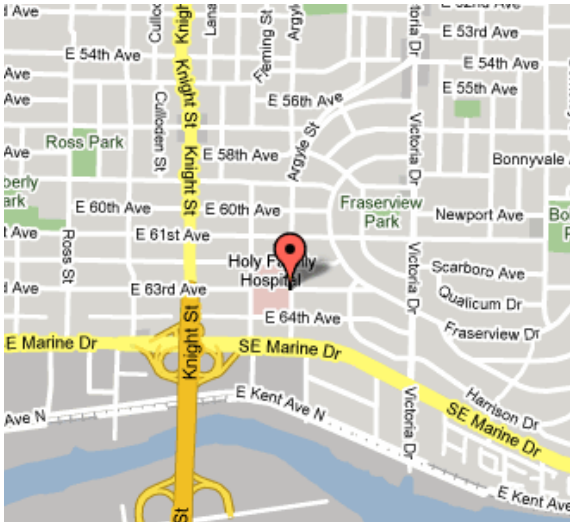
It depends on the type of problem you have. We may only see you to assess your communication or swallowing problem and teach you some ways to deal with your problem. We may have you come in for therapy on a schedule.

Will I have to pay for therapy?

Speech therapy is covered under your B.C. Medical Services Plan. If you qualify for ongoing Medical Services Plan coverage with Health Insurance BC, you do not have to pay for therapy.

Where do I go for Speech Therapy?

We are located in South Vancouver at Holy Family Hospital.



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