



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

Communication Disorders Department Policy and Procedure

**SUBJECT: SCOPE OF PRACTICE
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
AND AUDIOLOGY**

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PURPOSE

To state the scopes of practice for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

POLICY:

The Communication Disorders Department staff will practice their professions within the respective scopes of practice as defined by the State of California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

PROCEDURES:

The practice of audiology includes both the prevention of and assessment of auditory, vestibular, and related impairments as well as the habilitation/rehabilitation and maintenance of persons with these impairments. The overall goal of the provision of audiology services should be to optimize and enhance the ability of an individual to hear as well as to communicate in his/her everyday or natural environment. In addition, audiologists provide comprehensive services to individual with normal hearing how to interact with persons with a hearing impairment.

The overall objective of speech-language pathology services is to optimize individuals' abilities to communicate and to swallow, thereby improving quality of life. The scope of practice in speech-language pathology comprises five domains of professional practice and eight domains of service delivery.

Professional practice domains:

- advocacy and outreach
- supervision
- education
- administration/leadership
- research

Service delivery domains

- Collaboration
- Counseling
- Prevention and Wellness
- Screening
- Assessment
- Treatment
- Modalities, Technology, and Instrumentation
- Population and Systems

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Source: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association *Scope of Practice in Audiology* Scope of Practice in Speech Language Pathology. www.asha.org/policy.
Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Licensure Act, State of California, Department of Consumer Affairs.

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