



# Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

## Communication Disorders Department Policy and Procedure

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**SUBJECT: SPECIALTY PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES**

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### PURPOSE

To outline the speech-language pathology specialty programs.

### POLICY

The Communication Disorders Department adheres to the scope of practice guidelines of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA), the service provisions of Title 22 of the State of California, and the general provisions of Article 1 of the licensure law administered by the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board of the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs. It is the position of these agencies that collaboration in evaluating and treating the following specialty areas are within the scope of practice of the certified/licensed speech-language pathologist:

1. Modified Barium Swallow Studies
2. FEES (Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing)
3. Video Laryngostroboscopy Studies
4. Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation
5. Tracheal suction, per Nursing policy and procedure C142
6. Tracheostomy occlusion via speaking valve or decannulation cap
7. Tracheostomy care & cleaning
8. Care of patients on ventilators

### PROCEDURES

1. All speech-language pathologists will be assessed and assigned an appropriate level of clinical competence (e.g. independent, limited supervision, supervised, not applicable) in the specialty areas.
2. The specialty programs each have outlined modules for:
  - a. the acquisition of fundamental knowledge
  - b. supervised clinical experience and practice

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