

SHS 531

Motor Speech Treatment Plan Exercise

You have just completed the evaluation of Marjorie, a 73 year old woman who has suffered at least three CVAs in the last two years. Your assessment led you to a diagnosis of spastic dysarthria, and you noted moderate to severe deficits in speech intelligibility. Her cognitive skills appear to be mildly impaired, and she lives in an assisted-living facility. Despite her slow rate, you have decided to employ the techniques of overarticulation and rate reduction to improve speech intelligibility when she communicates with caregivers and friends. Write a treatment plan focused on improving functional speech intelligibility using the techniques mentioned above. Your treatment plan should include the following:

1. Prognostic statement (amount of progress expected and time frame in which progress can be anticipated - remember that you are justifying your services to her insurance company)
2. Long-term goal (statement about general area of intervention needed - should be about speech intelligibility settings that are functional for this client)
3. Short-term objectives (to be worked on immediately)
 - a. Achievable in four weeks or less
 - b. Part of hierarchical progression of objectives based on task analysis
 - c. Written in measurable terms
 - d. Include conditions under which targeted behavior will occur
 - e. Include criteria for progressing to next objective or discontinuation of therapy
4. Procedures and materials
 - a. Include techniques to elicit targeted behaviors
 - b. Include type of feedback and reinforcement to be provided

Submit your typed treatment plan at the beginning of class (no cover page needed).