

Aphasia



What is it?

Aphasia is caused by damage to the language areas of the brain. The most common cause is due to stroke, head trauma or progressive neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's disease.

A person with aphasia may have difficulty with their use of language - their sentences may not make sense to others, or they may have difficulty forming sentences and finding the right words to say. Aphasia may also present as difficulties understanding what others are saying.

What ChatAbout can do:

Research shows that Speech Pathology intervention should begin as soon as possible after diagnosis. Speech Pathologists can work with you and your loved ones to support your communication, so that you can continue to participate in things that are most important to you. Therapy is always tailored in collaboration with you to meet your needs and to address the impact your language has on your day to day life.

Speech Pathologists can help to support people with communication difficulties by:

- Providing an accurate and comprehensive assessment and diagnosis of the underlying communication difficulties relating to comprehension or use of language, across a range of contexts.
- Identifying and modifying barriers to communication, and enhancing compensatory strategies for successful communication and participation.
- Facilitating family and communication partner training to support them to communicate with their loved ones, most effectively.
- Providing tailored therapy in one-on-one settings, or empowering small groups to communicate with each other in a social setting.



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