



Stroke and Speech with Dana Depp, SLP

[VIDEO TRANSCRIPT]

Strokes can be so traumatizing for the patient and the family. After a stroke, a lot of patients will suffer from a loss of language and even their cognitive abilities, their memory abilities.

Aphasia is the sudden loss of language following a stroke. Aphasia can result in a patient having difficulty retrieving the words that they want to say. It can make it difficult for them to understand spoken language. It can even affect their reading and writing ability.

A vast majority of patients will make significant progress with their speech/communication ability following a stroke. This is all going to depend on the location and the size of the stroke, and whether they have other health problems – but the majority of patients make significant progress.

Strokes can frequently result in difficulty swallowing. In 30-50% of our patients we will see some form of difficulty swallowing. Dysphasia is the medical term for difficulty swallowing. Here at The Medical Center, where we are a stroke certified hospital, we are able to provide you comprehensive evaluations during your stay and even provide further outpatient therapy upon your discharge – and you can even continue on with the same therapist frequently. So you have that continuity of care.