

Communication Disorders (adult acquired)

- Language
- Speech
- Voice
- Fluency
- Cognitive Language

Information Required

- Describe symptoms including severity, consistency
- Impact on Quality of Life / Employment
- Past medical history
- Onset
- Medications
- Other Allied Health involvement

Investigations Required

- ENT evaluation (if voice disorder)
- Results of neurological investigations especially if progressive neurological disease
- Results of cognitive testing

Fax Referrals to

- RGH Speech Pathology Fax: (08) 8275 1951
- NHS Speech Pathology Fax: (08) 8384 9711

Red Flags

- Acquired communication / cognitive difficulties with high functional impact on living safely at home or within employment

Suggested GP Management

- Monitoring of patient to watch for significant change or deterioration of communication disorder
- Consider hearing testing

Clinical Resources

- Stroke Foundation Victoria Signs of Stroke Fast.
<http://strokefoundation.com.au/what-is-a-stroke/signs-of-stroke/>

General Information to assist with referrals and the and Referral templates for FMC and RGH are available to download from the SALHN Outpatient Services website www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients

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