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A combination of educations, assessing the speech, language, cognitive-communication, and swallowing skills of children and adults,

Speech-language pathologists typically treat problems in the areas of articulation; dysfluency; oral-motor, speech, and voice; and receptive and expressive language disorders.

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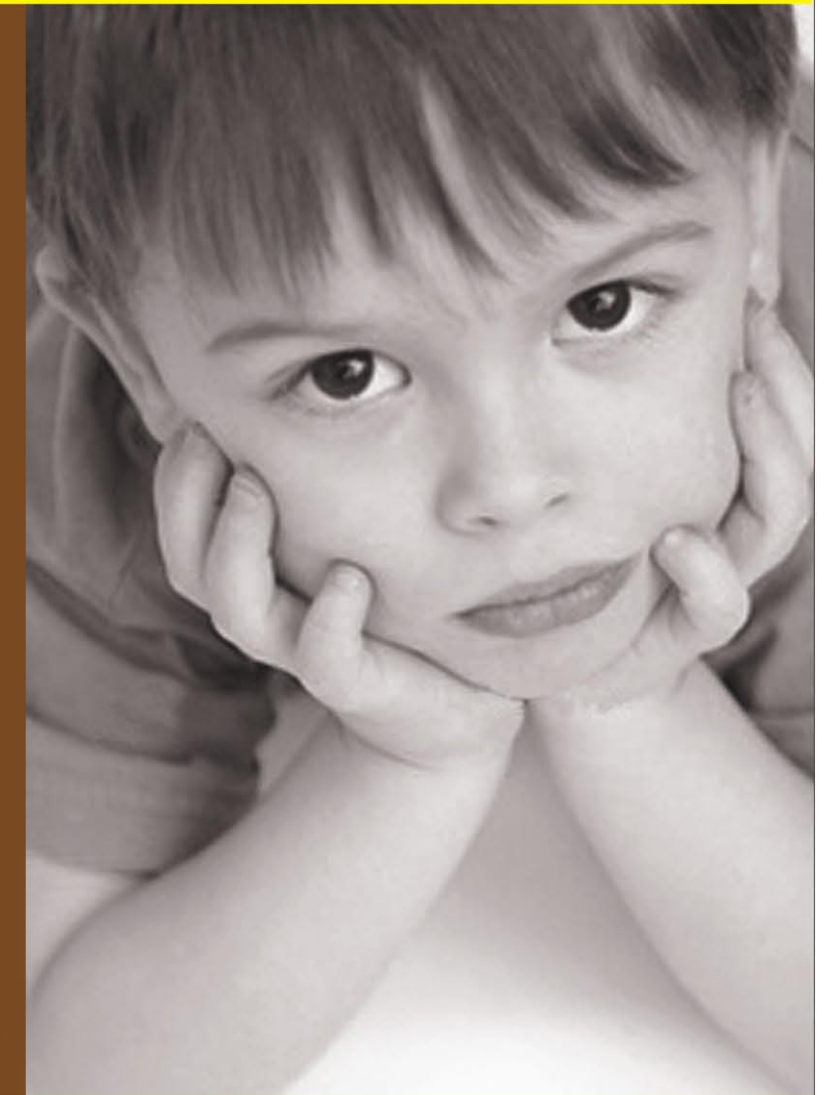
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Speech & Language Delay...

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Speech-Language Therapy

Speech-language therapy is the treatment for most children with speech and/or language disorders. A speech disorder refers to a problem with the actual production of sounds, whereas a language disorder refers to a difficulty understanding or putting words together to communicate ideas.

Language disorders can be either receptive or expressive. Receptive disorders refer to difficulties understanding or processing language. Expressive disorders include difficulty putting words together, limited vocabulary, or inability to use language in a socially appropriate way.

Speech and Language Delay: What Does This Mean for My Child?

How do I know if my child has speech delay?

If your child doesn't talk as much as most children of the same age, the problem may be speech delay. Your doctor may think your child has speech delay if he or she isn't able to do these things:

- Say simple words either clearly or unclearly by 12 to 15 months of age
- Understand simple words (like "no," or "stop") by 18 months of age
- Talk in short sentences by 3 years of age
- Tell a simple story at 4 to 5 years of age

What causes speech delay?

These are the most common causes of speech delay:
Hearing loss
Slow development
Mental retardation

Other causes include:

Psychosocial deprivation (the child doesn't spend enough time talking with adults)
Being a twin
Autism (a developmental disorder)
Elective mutism (the child just doesn't want to talk)
Cerebral palsy (a movement disorder caused by brain damage)

Why might living in a bilingual home affect my child's language and speech?

The brain has to work harder to interpret and use 2 languages, so it may take longer for children to start using either one or both of the languages they're learning. It's not unusual for a bilingual child to use just one language for a while.

What can my doctor do to find out if speech delay is the problem?

Your doctor can listen to your child's speech and check your child's mental development. Your child should also have a hearing test, just in case your child is having trouble hearing.

What can be done if my child has speech delay?

Your child may not need any treatment. Some children just take more time to start talking. The way your doctor might treat your child depends on the cause of the speech delay. Your doctor will tell you the cause of your child's problem and explain any treatments that might fix the problem or make it better. A speech and language pathologist might be helpful in making treatment plans. This person can show you how to help your child talk more and speak better, and also can teach your child how to listen or how to lip read.

Other health care workers who may be able to help you and your child include: an audiologist (a hearing doctor), a psychologist (a specialist in behavior problems), an occupational therapist and a social worker (who can help with family problems). Your family doctor will refer you to these health care workers if your child needs their help.

