St. Peter’s Rehabilitation Services
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Comprehensive speech, language and hearing services for infants, toddlers, children, adults and the elderly

To Make An Appointment
The earlier an audiologist and/or speech pathologist can diagnose a problem, the better the possibility for successful treatment. For more information, call the Speech and Audiology at (518) 475-7075. A referral and/or prescription may be needed, depending on specific health insurance coverage. We accept Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance programs.

Or visit us online at www.sphcs.org for more information.

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The science of medicine.
The compassion to heal.
The Speech Pathology and Audiology Department provides comprehensive care for speech, language and hearing disorders in infants, toddlers, children, adults and the elderly.

Speech pathologists and audiologists work with other health professionals to provide a warm, encouraging environment for healing, and use a multidisciplinary team approach to patient care.

Our experience and expertise in rehabilitation services allows our staff to continually adapt to the needs of our patients. Our goal is to maximize each patient’s safety, independence and quality of life.

The St. Peter’s Speech Pathology and Audiology Department is an approved Speech and Hearing Center under the Physically Handicapped Children’s Program of the New York State Health Department’s Bureau of Medical Rehabilitation.

What Is Audiology?
Audiology is the study of the ear and hearing-related health issues for babies, infants, children, adults and the elderly. Audiologists are licensed health care professionals who can examine, diagnose and manage disorders involving hearing and balance and other neural deficiencies.

What Are Some Signs That You, Your Child, Or A Loved One Needs To See An Audiologist?
- In infancy: not responding to noises or the sounds of others voices
- For children: speech impediments, slower, or different speech activities than peers, or difficulty in understanding conversations
- Adults and elderly: ask for repetition of words often during conversations; show signs of straining to hear – such as tilting one ear toward the sounds, turning the television or radio volume up excessively; not hearing the telephone or not hearing other household noises as they normally did – such as alarms on microwaves, ovens or clocks.

How Can An Audiologist Help?
At St. Peter’s Hospital, audiologists can provide comprehensive care from diagnosis to rehabilitation, and are committed to working with other professionals to make sure hearing problems are reduced. Evaluations include: universal hearing screenings for all newborns prior to discharge, pure tone testing, speech audiometry, middle ear analysis, electrophysiological tests, sound field testing, central auditory processing testing, hearing aid evaluations and tinnitus evaluations. We have special expertise in pediatric and difficult-to-test persons.

The audiologists can prescribe, fit, sell and evaluate hearing aids. They also educate and advocate for assistive listening devices (ALDs) to enhance communication clarity in public areas such as classrooms.

St. Peter’s participates in Hearing Access, a special, hospital-wide program that provides communication access for patients with hearing impairment. In-house ALDs include personal amplifiers and specially designed telephones for hearing impaired persons.

What is Speech Pathology?
Speech Pathology provides comprehensive and innovative diagnostic and rehabilitation services for individuals with swallowing, language and speech disorders for both inpatient and outpatient who have had a stroke or other neurological deficits, and children whose language skills are delayed. Our speech language pathologists state licensed and are certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

How Can A Speech Pathologist Help?
A speech pathologist will conduct complete articulation, voice, fluency, language and dysphasia evaluations to determine the presence, type, and severity of a suspected deficit from developmental delays, stroke recovery, or other neurological problems.

St. Peter’s Speech Pathology Department provides comprehensive services including: testing/evaluations, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and follow-up of many disorders regarding communication problems, swallowing, memory, organizational skills and problem solving.

An analysis of receptive and expressive language skills helps identify how well each patient understands and produces words. These skills are measured by examining the patient’s quality of articulation, voice and fluency.

What specialized speech pathology programs do we offer?
Swallowing Intervention Program (SIP) provides comprehensive assessment and counseling for those experiencing difficulty in swallowing. This assessment includes advance swallowing technologies such as biofeedback, electrical muscle stimulation and swallowing re-education. Speech pathology works closely with St. Peter’s team of nurses, dieticians, physicians and radiology staff.

Pediatric Intervention Program provides evaluation and treatment of children with feeding, voice, articulation, language and fluency disorders. Treatment is provided to meet the individual child’s needs.

Craniofacial Center is a multidisciplinary program that provides services to infants and adults with conditions such as cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial deformities. This program has a team of plastic, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, dentist, orthodontist, otolaryngologist, nutritionist, social workers, audiologists and speech pathologists to provide a total assessment for the best individualized treatment plan.