Discriminating Childhood Apraxia of Speech From Speech Delay

INTRODUCTION

Since the first description of a childhood speech disorder similar in presentation to adult onset apraxia of speech, much research has gone into identifying characteristics to help make diagnosis more accurate and reduce the known over-identification of childhood apraxia of speech (CAS). However, to date, there has been no conclusive diagnostic marker identified to differentiate CAS from other speech delays. The goal of the articles in this self-study is "to develop and validate a diagnostic marker that discriminates early and persistent CAS from speech delay." The articles introduce the pause marker (PM) and discuss support for the PM as well as possible clinical and research uses with the development of an assessment tool, the Pause Marker Index (PMI). While the PMI is not yet ready for clinical application, the articles provide clinicians with information about the PM that they can begin to incorporate into assessment and treatment to better serve their clients.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
You will be able to:
• discuss the value of and need for a diagnostic marker for CAS
• describe the types of pause markers
• discuss the process used to identify and validate the pause marker
• explain the uses and benefits of the Pause Marker Index

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