EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

It is the position of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association that audiologists and speech-language pathologists incorporate the principles of evidence-based practice in clinical decision making to provide high quality clinical care. The term *evidence-based practice* refers to an approach in which current, high-quality research evidence is integrated with practitioner expertise and client preferences and values into the process of making clinical decisions.

Participants are encouraged to actively seek and critically evaluate the evidence basis for clinical procedures presented in this and other educational programs.

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INTRODUCTION

This Perspectives shared two insightful articles that could influence clinical care decisions. The first article discussed the ambiguity in the diagnosis of an auditory processing disorder and what to consider when selecting a diagnostic test. This article defined the “gold standard” test and elaborated on diagnostic accuracy research. The second article detailed the prevalence and indicators of dementia. Research suggests that hearing loss is a potential modifiable factor for dementia. This article reviewed considerations for hearing assessment, counseling, and communicating with patients with dementia. Audiologists play an important role in differentiating communicative behaviors associated with hearing loss from those of dementia and can assist in optimizing hearing and safety of persons with dementia.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
You will be able to:
- explain the difference between a reference standard and an index test
- describe ways to optimize communication with persons with dementia

PROGRAM HISTORY

Start date: April 23, 2018
Available through: April 21, 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To earn continuing education credit, you must complete the test with a passing score on or before April 21, 2021.

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