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 issue of *Perspectives* provides affiliates with the latest updates on the role of speech-language pathologist in providing an evidence base care for individuals with dementia by identifying the elements of skilled cognitive evaluation and treatment procedures, and appropriate intervention strategies specific to disease progression.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:

- identify the elements of skilled cognitive evaluation and treatment procedures for persons with early stage dementia
- demonstrate how to compensate for older adults' reading-related deficits with specialized reading material adaptations
- identify the characteristics that distinguish among the Vascular, Alzheimer's and diabetes mellitus-related dementias
- identify the multidisciplinary approach for effective dysphagia management for amnestic form of Mild Cognitive Impairment or the Alzheimer's Spectrum of Disorders
- describe multiple ways to stage cognitive-communicative abilities of adults with dementia and explain appropriate intervention strategies for the stages

PROGRAM HISTORY

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To earn continuing education credit, you must complete the test with a passing score on or before October 24, 2018.

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