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

In these articles, authors will explore whether or not the use of neuroplastic principles would improve the swallow motor plan and produce positive outcomes of a patient in severe cognitive decline. Additionally, authors will explain the benefits of computer-mediated cognitive-communicative interventions for residents of Special Care Units with advanced dementia, designed to enhance safety by reducing fall risk and promoting participation in activities of daily living with increased independence. Finally, readers will learn how to effectively approach program policy creation and implementation in the long-term care setting.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:

- explain how to effectively approach program policy creation and implementation in the long term care setting
- learn about the benefits of computer-mediated cognitive-communicative interventions for residents of Special Care Units with advanced dementia
- describe how the use of neuroplastic principles could improve the swallow motor plan and produce positive outcomes of a patient in severe cognitive decline

PROGRAM HISTORY

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