

**SPEECH PATHOLOGY EVALUATION AIDE: Before Leaving the Appointment (Collect/Share)**

During an evaluation, there are many aspects of the visit that we navigate, from initiating an introduction -- to establishing rapport, including the education on our scope of practice as medical SLPs.

As we continue in the visit, we ask the patient/caregivers if they feel they demonstrate any struggles in the areas we address, inviting their input and details they can provide to the specifics of their symptoms. As we juggle administration of different testing measures, determine recommendations, etc. – it helps to remain mindful of the over-arching focus of the evaluation process.

Before we leave the evaluation session, it is recommended that we collect data/determine specific, individualized information in these major areas.

This resource contains a printable sheet with the “bare-bone” areas that are most helpful to obtain, prior to ending the visit.

Also, it is helpful to discuss these seven areas, if the patient and families desire, prior to ending the evaluation time together.

Suggestions on how to use this resource:

- Internally reference this sheet during the process. Take care, prior to leaving, to check that all areas were addressed, and content collected, prior to thanking the person being evaluated and making plans for the next visit, etc.
- After the content is discussed with the patient/caregivers at the conclusion of the visit, clinicians could consider making a copy for patients for their future reference.
- Clinicians could copy/paste these subject areas within the body of the EMR system, to fill out to communicate this information in the evaluation report itself.



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Deficit Areas:

Patient/Caregiver Priorities, Needs:

Patient Strengths (& Positive Factors Which Increase Therapy Potential):

Testing Measures Results:

Recommendations:

Goal Areas:

Planned Approaches & Activities:

Signature

Printed Full Name

Date

Contact method



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