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Speech Therapy Services

Amanda Wray Turner is a therapist for patients who have difficulties with speech, language, or swallowing. She began working with patients in 2016. Patients of the clinic, hospital, and therapy building seek her rehabilitative assistance.

Swallowing difficulty, known as dysphagia, calls for exercises to strengthen the nearly 50 muscles involved in swallowing. Meantime, there are adaptive devices for helping the patient take in liquids or foods.

Communication disorders are of two types. A patient might understand speech and form proper words in his or her mind but cannot get the words out. The tongue, palate, and lips are parts of the mouth that express words. These patients do exercises to help retrain the brain and increase strength and endurance in the muscles used for speech. The therapist also helps with speech volume and clarity.

In other cases, a patient might have lost the power to use or understand words. Therapy involves repetitive drills to improve cognition and regain the ability to follow directions, reason, read, and write. The therapist might also teach the use of a speech-generating device.

Amanda Turner, M.S., CCC-SLP

As a child growing up in Ardmore, Amanda Turner experienced speech therapy firsthand. Her interest in the field grew even more after job-shadowing a family member who was a speech-language pathologist.

With this early understanding of the gamut of disorders addressed in the field, Wray completed a bachelor's degree in communication sciences and disorders at Oklahoma State University and a master's degree in speech-language pathology at Texas Women's University. She is licensed and certified for clinical competence. During training, she practiced in schools, rehabilitation centers, and stroke centers.



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