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Open Access Service – Speech Therapy

About Open Access Services

Open Access Services is a programme by Woodlands Hospital (WH) that allows patients seeking medical attention at primary care facilities to have direct referral access to endoscopy, minor surgery, advanced imaging, and allied health services, bypassing the need for a specialist consultation.

Why Am I Being Referred for this Service?

Children and adults with these three **communication difficulties*** can be referred directly from CHAS GP clinics and NHG Polyclinics to WH Speech Therapy for assessment and intervention. This minimises the waiting time to see a speech therapist.

Communication difficulty 1: Stuttering / Stammering

- Individuals with a history of developmental stuttering beginning in childhood, that persists into adulthood

Communication difficulty 2: Speech Sound Disorders

- Children aged 3 and above who have difficulty pronouncing words

Communication difficulty 3: Primary Progressive Aphasia

- Adults aged 40 years and older who experience a progressive deterioration in language abilities for at least 3-6 months

What to Expect

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Before Appointment

- Your doctor submits a referral to WH.
- A WH staff will give you a call to schedule an appointment.

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Day of Appointment

- Arrive at Woodlands Hospital, Medical Centre, Level 1, Outpatient Rehabilitation.
- Register at the Patient Services Station.
- A WH staff will conduct a screening check and seek your consent before the appointment.
- The following will be performed by the Speech Therapist during the appointment:
  - Obtain information on your or your child's communication concerns and goals, medical history and daily communication settings
  - Conduct assessment of your or your child's communication status
  - Provide education and advice, and recommend therapy plans
- Medical Certificate (MC), time chit and prescription will not be issued

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After Appointment

- A WH staff will advise you on next steps including booking of a follow-up appointment (if needed) and payment.
- Please return home to rest.

Day of Appointment

After arriving at Woodlands Hospital, please proceed to:
Medical Centre, Level 1, Outpatient Rehabilitation
17 Woodlands Drive 17, Singapore 737628

Directions to Woodlands Hospital

Getting around Woodlands Hospital

- Please arrive at your scheduled appointment time.
- If you do not receive your appointment details within 3 working days from the date of your clinic visit, please call 6363 8000.
- Please keep to your scheduled date. However, if you are unwell (i.e. fever, cough and flu), or wish to postpone/ cancel the procedure, please call 6363 8000 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm or Saturday 8.30am to 12.30pm).

Documents to Bring

Identification:

- Singapore NRIC
- Non-Singaporeans: Passport, entry permit, employment pass, work permit or other valid ID issued by the Singapore Ministry of Manpower

Medical benefit documents, if applicable:

- Civil Service card
- Insurance card
- Insurer's or employer's guarantee letter (if the bill is covered by your employer)
- Blood donor card
- Financial assistance card/ memo (e.g. PA, MediFund, SMTA, MFEC)
- SAF identity card (11B)

Others:

- Referral letter from your doctor

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