Aphasia Reading List: Categorised By Subject

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Introduction

Welcome to the January 2005 edition of the ‘Aphasia Reading List’. The project developed after my initial, informal attempt to create a useful database for students and colleagues. This updated version contains several new components. There are now sections on different types of impairment-based therapy, further useful websites, National Service Frameworks and Policy Documents, and even references on the elusive concept, ‘What is Therapy?’

The Reading List deliberately contains academic and lay material. It also has references to texts aimed at the person with aphasia and their carer(s). This wider range offers aphasia therapists an overview of material which might be useful in clinic. However, none of the content has been critically appraised. For a more rigorous analysis, readers should consult the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) Clinical Guideline on Aphasia (Taylor-Goh, 2004).

Moreover, other features of the original list still apply. The classification is purely personal, reflecting my own interpretation. The material is not exhaustive (I had to stop somewhere!) and there may be inadvertent errors or omissions for which I apologise. Some sections are longer than others. Individuals will still need to contact experts in different fields for specialist information about specific topics. Due to time constraints, I have not produced an alphabetical list this time.

As before, some of the categories may overlap. Issues relevant to the ‘psychosocial approach’ to aphasia therapy, for example, may also surface within the section on ‘functional communication’. Therefore, if you are interested in a particular topic (for example, ‘assessment’), it may be worthwhile skimming through the various sections in which you think it might arise.

Finally, scores of people contacted me after production of the original 2004 version. They gave comments and suggestions for further editions. I would like to thank all of these individuals for their help. I have tried to include their ideas in the updated 2005 version wherever possible. The challenge ahead is to produce this material in an aphasia-friendly form – so that those with aphasia may access it as well. In the meantime, happy reading!

Reference

- Taylor-Goh, S. Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists Clinical Guidelines. Bicester: Speechmark Publishing Ltd

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Major Textbooks


The History of Aphasia Therapy


Assessment of Aphasia


National Service Frameworks/Policy Documents
(see the section on ‘Useful Groups/Websites’, page 51, for contact details)


Impairment Approaches to Aphasia Therapy

Cognitive Neuropsychological: General


Auditory Comprehension


### Word Retrieval and Production


**Reading**


**Writing**


**Sentence Processing**


Psychosocial Approaches to Aphasia Therapy

Psychosocial Issues


- Code, C. (1999). Notes and Discussion: Perceptions of psychosocial adjustment to acquired communication disorders: Application of the Code-


Aphasia-Friendly Literature


Insights of People with Aphasia, their Carers/Colleagues


- Bevan, H. and Edestfd, N. 92004). Dare to be different. Health Service Journal 24 June, pp. 18-19.


Quality of Life Issues


‘Supported Conversation’, Conversational Coaching/Partners


Treatment Approaches/Packages


Functional Communication


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Conversational Analysis/Interaction


Group Therapy


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Aphasia and Bilingualism


Aphasia and Computers


Primary Progressive Aphasia


Outcome Measures/Efficacy


• Taylor-Goh, S. *Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists Clinical Guidelines*. Bicester: Speechmark Publishing Ltd


What is Therapy?


Useful Groups/Websites

- **Ability Hub**
  www.abilityhub.com: Ability Hub focuses on assistive technology for those who find using a computer difficult or even impossible. The website directs you to adaptive equipment and alternative methods available for accessing computers.

- **Aphasia Help**
  www.aphasiahelp.org/: This has useful information and a website for people with aphasia. Features include information about stroke and aphasia and a penpal section with the option of searching for other people with aphasia. The site is easily navigable and very straightforward to read. For those with vision difficulties, the text style can be changed.

  Contact Address:
  Becky Moss at:
  Connect
  16 - 18 Marshalsea Road
  London
  SE1 1HL

- **British Medical Association**: www.bma.org.uk

- **Cabinet Office Strategy Unit**: www.cabinet-office.gov.uk/innovation

- **Centre for Evidence-Based Social Services**: www.ex.ac.uk/cebss/

- **Connect**
  www.ukconnect.org: ‘Connect’ is a national charity whose vision is a world where communication disability is not a barrier to opportunity and fulfillment. It works with people with communication disability to find new ways of ‘talking’ and new ways of living. ‘Connect’ believes the best way to support people living with communication disability is through an integrated programme of therapy, education and research.

  Contact details: Connect
  16–18 Marshalsea Road
  Southwark
  London
  SE1 1HL
  Tel: 020 7367 0840.
  Fax: 020 7367 0841

- **Communication Matters**
  www.communicationmatters.org.uk: Communication Matters is the UK Chapter of the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC). It focuses on the needs of those with complex communication difficulties.
• **Department of Health:**

  - Building on the best: Choice, responsiceness and equity in the NHS
  
  - Clinical Governance
    [www.doh.gov.uk/clinicalgovernance](http://www.doh.gov.uk/clinicalgovernance)
  
  - The expert patient
    [www.doh.gov.uk/healthinequalities/ep](http://www.doh.gov.uk/healthinequalities/ep)
  
  - Involving patients and public in healthcare
    [www.doh.gov.uk/involvingpatients/](http://www.doh.gov.uk/involvingpatients/)
  
  - Patient confidentiality
    [www.doh.gov.uk/confiden/index.htm](http://www.doh.gov.uk/confiden/index.htm)
  
  - NHS plan
    [www.doh.gov.uk/nhsplan/](http://www.doh.gov.uk/nhsplan/)
    [www.doh.gov.uk/nnhsind.htm](http://www.doh.gov.uk/nnhsind.htm)
  
  - National Service Framework (OlderPeople)
    [www.doh.gov.uk.nsf/olderpeople/index.htm](http://www.doh.gov.uk.nsf/olderpeople/index.htm)
  
  - National Service Framework (long term medical conditions)
    [www.doh.gov.uk/nsf/longterm/index.htm](http://www.doh.gov.uk/nsf/longterm/index.htm)
  
  - Shifting the balance of power
    [www.doh.gov.uk/shiftingthebalance/](http://www.doh.gov.uk/shiftingthebalance/)
  
  - Single Assessment Process
    [www.doh.gov.uk/scq/sap](http://www.doh.gov.uk/scq/sap)
  
  - Toolkit for producing patient information
    [www.doh.gov.uk/nhsidentity](http://www.doh.gov.uk/nhsidentity)

• **Different Strokes**
  [http://www.differentstrokes.co.uk/](http://www.differentstrokes.co.uk/): Different Strokes is a registered charity providing a unique, free service to younger stroke survivors throughout the UK.

• **General Medical Council**
  [www.gmc-uk.org](http://www.gmc-uk.org)

• **Interact Reading Service**
  [http://www.interactreading.co.uk/](http://www.interactreading.co.uk/): The Interact Reading Service provides a professional, live, interactive reading service for stroke patients in hospitals and stroke clubs.
• National Centre for Clinical Excellence  
www.nice.org.uk

• Personal experiences of health and illness  
www.dipex.org

• Pictures Speak  
http://www.picturesspeak.com:/ Pictures Speak works in partnership with local speech and language therapists to set up training courses for their staff to learn how to support communication.

• Royal College of Physicians, National Clinical Guidelines for Stroke  
www.rcplondon.ac.uk/pubs/books/stroke/

• Speakability  
www.speakability.org.uk: ‘Speakability’ is a national charity that supports people living with aphasia and their carers. It influences individuals, organisations and statutory bodies to improve services for people living with aphasia, and raises funds to support these aims.

Contact details: ‘Speakability’  
1 Royal Street  
London  
SE1 7LL  
Tel: 020 7261 9572  
Fax: 020 7928 9542  
Helpline: 080 8808 9572 (Monday to Friday 10am-4pm, 24 hour answerphone)

• Speech Matters  
http://www.speechmatters.org/: Speech Matters is a creative voluntary organization working to promote quality of life and opportunity for adults who have become aphasic. It works in partnership with people with aphasia, carers and staff members.

• The Stroke Association  
www.stroke.org.uk: The Stroke Association is a national charity which is solely concerned with stroke. It provides support for people who have had strokes, their families and carers. It campaigns, educates and informs to increase knowledge of stroke at all levels of society.

Contact Details: The Stroke Association  
Stroke House,  
240 City Road,  
London.  
EC1V 2PR.  
Tel: the Stroke Information Service: 020 7566 0330, or local rate number (from UK) 0845 30 33 100
• World Health Organization International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health