

Diagnosis

Examples of Alternative Language

Introduction

Registrants may choose to use terminology other than “diagnose”, “diagnosing”, or “diagnosis”. The following examples are intended to help registrants select language that is appropriate for a range of situations.

Alternative Language Examples for Clients and Representatives

- The results of the aphasia assessment indicate that you have the symptoms of non-fluent aphasia, let me explain what that means...
- The results of the hearing assessment show that you have a conductive hearing loss in your right ear, likely due to a hole in your eardrum. I will refer you to the Ear Nose & Throat physician who can let you know if it can be fixed. The next steps are...
- The assessment results and my observations suggest that your child has a language disorder. This means...
- I have assessed your child and observed them both in the classroom and during school recess with friends. The results show that they present with moderate to mild stuttering. We can explore treatment options that might include...
- As you know, your spouse coughs when drinking liquids. The results of the video fluoroscopic swallowing study shows that they have a swallowing disorder. The liquids entered their throat too quickly and the muscles that protect the airway are slow, so traces of liquid went into the airway and lungs. My recommendations are...
- From the background information you gave, as well as my assessment, you have symptoms consistent with a balance disorder, also known as a peripheral vestibular disorder. This means that the part of your inner ear responsible for maintaining balance is not functioning properly. My recommendations are...
- Based on the assessment results, I have noticed some social and non-verbal communication patterns. It might be helpful to look at these areas more closely and this could involve connecting with other professionals to help support your child’s communication overall. They can look at broader developmental skills that are beyond speech and language. There could be several reasons for these patterns, so I recommend that you discuss this with your child’s physician.
- The results of the hearing test show a sensorineural hearing loss in both ears, which suggests it is a permanent hearing loss. The next steps to helping you hear better are...
- From the background information you shared, as well as what I observed during today’s assessment, you are showing symptoms consistent with a motor speech disorder, likely apraxia of speech. This means that your brain is having difficulty planning and coordinating the precise movements needed for clear speech, even though your muscles themselves are functioning normally. My recommendations are...”