

## Speech Pathology

**Blue Care is uniquely positioned as one of Australia's leading residential aged care, community care and retirement living providers. We are founded on a compassionate approach to care and our reputation is built on our highly experienced team who work in more than 260 centres, in 80 communities across Queensland and northern New South Wales.**

Blue Care's Allied Health service is made up of a multidisciplinary group of healthcare professionals, including Speech Pathologists, who provide comprehensive assessment, diagnosis, treatment and advisory services to clients.

Speech Pathologists are skilled in the assessment and treatment of dysphagia and communication.

- Dysphagia refers to difficulties chewing and swallowing food, drink, medications and/or saliva
- Communication difficulties include barriers to speech, hearing, writing, reading, and difficulties with language, symbols and gestures

Blue Care's experienced Speech Pathologists are committed to supporting individuals, families and care givers to manage dysphagia/communication difficulties and maintain daily activities and lifestyles.

The typical care needs our Speech Pathologist can provide support with include:

- Assisting with communication rehabilitation following a stroke
- Providing communication strategies and aids to support people experiencing communication difficulties

- Assessing and assisting with difficulties in chewing and swallowing
- Maintaining and improving voice function
- Identifying hearing difficulties and referral to Audiology
- Guiding communication strategies that improve interactions between carers and people with dementia

Blue Care Speech Pathologists also host sessions and group to support clients and their carers with information and advice.

Referrals to Blue Care's Allied Health services, including Speech Pathology, may come from the client, carer, health professional, family member or friend.

For further information on the availability of Speech Pathology services in your area please contact us. Our friendly team can talk to you about your specific needs and develop an individual program of care.

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