

Speech Therapy



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A speech-language pathologist (SLP) works with people of all ages who have a medical diagnosis that impacts function related to communication and/or swallowing. They evaluate, diagnose, and treat in clinics, schools, hospitals, and home health settings. SLPs may treat disorders such as speech/voice disorders, language disorders, cognitive-communication disorders, social-communication disorders, and swallowing disorders.

These disorders can result from a variety of medical conditions, including strokes, oral cancer, Parkinson's Disease, TBI, Dementia, and others. Speech therapy can help some people regain the ability to express wants and needs, build relationships, carry out daily tasks, succeed in school or at work, and maintain independence. Swallowing therapy can strengthen the muscles used in eating, help adults relearn swallowing coordination, and teach ways to reduce the risk of aspiration (accidentally inhaling food particles).

› *For more details about Therapy Services, call (540) 665-5928.*

Meet Our Team



Christine Ristano M.S. CCC-SLP

Christine comes to us with 14 years of experience in various settings. She obtained both her bachelor's and master's from East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, with degrees in Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology. Christine has

experience in working with Traumatic Brain Injury, Head and Neck Cancer, Dementia, expressive and receptive language disorders, voice disorders, fluency, neurological communication disorders, and cognitive decline, among others. She has developed various community support groups for patients recovering from strokes, TBIs, and other communication disorders. She has a particular interest in neurology related to cognitive rehabilitation and prevention of cognitive decline. Christine enjoys taking creative and functional approaches to therapy. She has been a Virginia resident for 14 years, the last 3 of which have been spent living in Berryville, VA. Christine lives with her significant other, and they have two dogs.