

The Power of Communication

"If all my possessions were taken from me, with one exception, I would choose to keep the power of communication - for with it, I would regain all the rest."

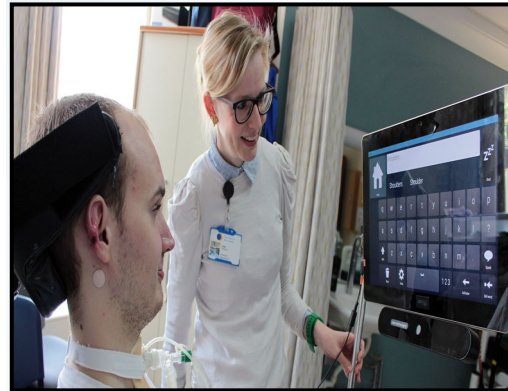
Daniel Webster
(former U.S. Senator)

For people who have lost their ability to speak, AAC provides options for communication.



Not being able to speak is not the same as not having anything to say.

Rosemary Crossley



Stock photo: Eye tracking system for communication.

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*Communication is the
essence of life (Light, 1998).*



What is AAC?

AAC is an area of clinical practice that supplements or compensates for impairments in for speech-language production and/or comprehension, for both spoken or written language. ([Augmentative and Alternative Communication \(asha.org\)](http://asha.org)).

Prescription of a speech-generating device (SGD) may be made following a comprehensive assessment.

Treatment will address set-up and training on an individual's system and integration of client's AAC device/system into their life.

We work with local AAC vendors so we can access state-of-the-art AAC equipment.

Who Needs AAC?

Adults with acquired neurogenic communication disorders and neurodegenerative disease who have difficulty meeting their daily needs for spoken and/or written communication may benefit from AAC.

Individuals experiencing severe speech, language, & cognitive impairments such as

- ◆ Aphasia
- ◆ Dysarthria
- ◆ Severe apraxia of speech
- ◆ Cognitive– communication deficit related to:
 - ◆ Aphasia
 - ◆ Cancer
 - ◆ TBI
 - ◆ Dementia (mild-moderate)

Deficits may be secondary to diagnoses such as, but not limited to:

- ◆ ALS, MS, PD
- ◆ Cancer (head and neck)
- ◆ Dementia (e.g., PPA, FTD, AD)
- ◆ Stroke (CVA)
- ◆ TBI or mTBI

How do I get an appointment?

- ◆ **Consult with your doctor and request a referral**
- ◆ **Doctor's referral must include:**
 - *Patient's Full Name**
 - *Date of Birth**
 - *Specify AAC Evaluation & Treatment**
- ◆ Fax prescription to confidential clinic fax line (765) 494-0771

Is AAC covered by insurance?

- ◆ AAC devices & systems may be covered by insurance
- ◆ Depends on your coverage
- ◆ Currently accepting **Medicare, Aetna, and Anthem**

