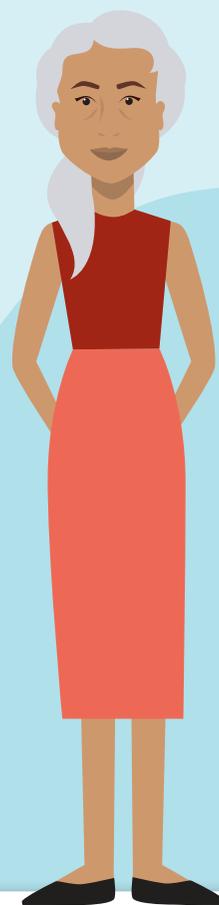
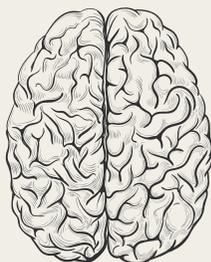


Who are they?

A Speech Pathologist is a health professional who specialises in the assessment and management of communication, feeding and swallowing disorders. They can teach people with speech difficulties to improve their communication and voice, but also help to understand others better.

Speech Pathologists can assist a variety of people including those with:

- + Cerebral Palsy
- + Stroke
- + Brain injuries
- + Intellectual disability



How can I access one?

Speech Pathologists work in a number of different settings, and you may need to obtain a referral written by your GP, although this is not always necessary.



Speech Pathologist

Assess and manage problems of speech, swallowing and communication.

What should I do before the appointment?

- + Bring your referral letter (if required) and results of any tests or scans with you.
- + A helpful tip is to write down questions you have regarding your condition and raise them during your consultation.

How much does it cost?

Costs to see a Speech Pathologist may be partially or fully covered by Medicare, however don't hesitate to contact the service provider for more information.

What to expect during the appointment?

- + A Speech Pathologist will take a history to understand what issues a person is facing and may need to perform some tests including speaking, listening or swallowing ability.
- + You may require a number of follow-up visits with your Speech Pathologist to ensure you are making progress and managing your condition well.