

This month's resources
reviewed and rated by
Bulletin's expert reviewers

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Reviews

DVD ROM

3D Anatomy for Speech and Language Pathology

PUBLISHER: Primal Pictures, 2010 (www.primalpictures.com)

PRICE: £145

ISBN: 978-1-907061-12-7

REVIEWER: Caroline Hattee, Consultant SLT cleft lip and palate and/or velopharyngeal dysfunction, Addenbrookes Hospital

RATING OVERALL ●●●●●

Aimed at SLTs in practice, teaching and training, this invaluable, time-saving resource is easy to install and navigate. It covers 3D anatomy, animation, clinical topics and patient education. The 3D anatomy section presents the principles of anatomy and covers the skeletal, muscular and respiratory systems. The head and neck section includes the muscles and nerve supply to the facial muscles, tongue, oronasal cavities, larynx, pharynx and ear. Two-dimensional animations present the mechanisms of swallowing, articulation and voice. There are excellent views of the articulation of all consonants and vowels, which will be invaluable in clinical practice, particularly for adolescent and adult patients – to demonstrate lip, tongue and palate movement during sound production. The clinical topics section provides text regarding clinical presentation and evaluation alongside adverse effects for each condition. Alongside this are clinical slides on disorders such as vocal cord nodules and paralysis.

This is certainly a resource which saves time in both clinical work and teaching, and I am sure will be invaluable to students and therapists.

BOOK

Psychological Well Being and Acquired Communication Impairments

AUTHOR: Edited by Shelagh Brumfit

PUBLISHER: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009

PRICE: £34.99

ISBN: 978-0-470-06543-3

REVIEWER: Lisa Aldwinckle, SLT with the Adult Speech and Language Therapy Service, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital

RATING OVERALL ●●●●●

This book is a valuable source of information for all health professionals involved in the assessment and management of clients with acquired communication impairments. Key topics covered include the role of self-esteem and the evaluation of mood, anxiety and depression, psychological approaches to early stage recovery and solution focused brief therapy for people with acquired communication impairments. It comprises 10 chapters contributed by academics and clinicians from a range of fields and is one of the first books to bring a multidisciplinary approach for health professionals working with this client group.

There are concise overviews and summaries of communication impairments that, while not presenting any new information to an SLT, could be useful in helping other health professionals to understand the wider implications of communication difficulties.

ASSESSMENT KIT

SCAN-3: A Tests for Auditory Processing Disorders in Adolescents and Adults

AUTHOR: Robert W Keith

PUBLISHER: Pearson, 2009

PRICE: £214 + VAT

ISBN: 978-0158910-16-1

REVIEWERS: Linda Armstrong and Alison Pendrowski, NHS Tayside Speech and Language Therapy Service (adult acquired)

RATING OVERALL ●●●○○

This assessment is aimed at adolescents and young adults with suspected auditory processing disorder (APD). It is standardised for people aged 15-50 years and consists of three screening tests, a set of diagnostic tests and supplementary tests. The product is American in origin and requires the use of a CD player and two sets of headphones. Most of the stimuli are culturally-fair for UK English speakers. However, the stimuli are presented from the CD in an American accent, which could affect the client's performance. We feel this assessment would not be in the everyday armoury of SLTs who work with people with acquired neurological communication disorders, especially aphasia. It may, however, be useful for specialist SLTs who work with younger people who have hearing impairment/suspected APD.

