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# **Clinical Supervision- University Setting**

## GOALS

- Best possible clinical education to graduate students
- Appropriate care to the clients



# Specific to Voice

## Requirements

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- Voice quality perception and discrimination
- Model target vocal quality
- Knowledge of several different treatment approaches/ strategies to elicit target behavior





# Challenges- specific to voice

- Current trend of vocal quality: Glottal fry
  - Problems with simulation and use of appropriate of voice quality
  - Ability to discriminate and perceive vocal quality changes
- Voice therapy timeline
  - 4-8 sessions (efficiency)
  - Consistency of clients; no-shows
- Voice course offered in the final semester
- Diversity of patients
  - High level critical thinking





# ETHICAL DILEMMA

• Where do we draw the line?

**Graduate Education Vs Patient Welfare** 





# **Ethical question**

Your patient travels an hour, misses work, and pays out of pocket for treatment. It is clearly a financial burden to come see you, yet voice therapy is essential for her job. Your student accepting a poor quality production or is lacking momentum. You:



Watch and let the student learn. Provide feedback later



Enter the room after a couple of minutes



Give the student 5-10 min. before entering the room



Give the student 10 min. before entering the room





# When you enter the room, you:



Are unobtrusive – providing the clinician with a written note or provide a verbal suggestion



Take over the session briefly to model what should happen next





# **OUR PROPOSAL**



1. Selecting students

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- 2. Boot Camp & Practice
- 3. Providing modeling and feedback in session
- 4. Follow-up feedback



- Why and what to look for?
  - Do we have such opportunity in 1<sup>st</sup> semester?
  - How can we recruit students for second semester?
- Voice is a specialized clinic- Enhance their learning during the clinical placement
- Interview

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- Basic skills
  - Auditory discrimination and perception
  - Stimulability for resonant voice
  - Ability to maintain conversational speech without a glottal fry



## Perspectives

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- East Tennessee State University (ETSU)
- Towson University (TU)
- The University of Arizona (UA)
- Audience Thoughts?





# 2. Boot Camp and Practice

- Clinic Handbook
- Intense voice clinic orientation
  - Basic foundational knowledge
  - Training
    - Auditory discrimination and perception
      - <a href="http://engage.doit.wisc.edu/sims\_games/showcase/speechpathology/sims.html">http://engage.doit.wisc.edu/sims\_games/showcase/speechpathology/sims.html</a>
    - Acoustic and Physiologic Assessment
    - Voice therapy approaches, principles of motor learning (Performance Vs Learning)
- Mock practice
  - Assessment
  - Treatment





# Perspectives

- UA
- ETSU
- TU
- Audience Thoughts?





# Transfer

- Prior to seeing patients
- Problem- Based Learning
  - Provide a hypothetical case or a true case from an earlier semester
- Goal
  - Provide an assessment plan and expectations in assessment
  - Provide a Treatment plan





# 3: Providing modeling and feedback: *in session*

- Initial Session
  - Students Shadow Supervisor
  - Students complete a Guided Observation Form
    - Assessment
    - Treatment
- With progression
  - Student gradually takes lead as he or she demonstrate competencies
  - Students complete Guided Observation Form
  - Indicate their role in assessment/treatment
- Supervisor Feedback after every session





# 4. Follow-up feedback

- Student self evaluation
- Peer evaluation
- Supervisor evaluation and feedback



- Students can maintain a journal
  - Reflect on the process and the take-home point from each session
- Recording of the mock assessment and treatment session
  - During orientation-self-evaluation and supervisor evaluation
- Recording of session with client
  - Self- evaluation, peer-evaluation and supervisor evaluation







## Supervisor observation report

- 23 attributes (divided into 4 categories)
  - Client-Clinician Relationship
  - Treatment Planning & Management
  - Equipment & Materials
  - Treatment Execution
- Supervisor rates each attribute using a 4-pt. qualitative scale
  - Always
  - Mostly
  - Somewhat
  - Never





## **Supervisor Observation Report**

- Client-Clinician Relationship
  - Clinician demonstrates warmth, empathy, and personal regard.
  - Clinician sets and reinforces appropriate amount of "chatter"
  - Clinician appropriately and effectively responds to client's questions & comments.

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# **Supervisor Observation Report**

## • Treatment Planning & Management

- Appropriate session plan, submitted on time
- Appropriate SOAP from previous session, submitted on time
- Appropriate SOAP documentation, needs only minor revisions
- Session objectives are appropriate and conform to semester tx plan
- Clinician uses time effectively, appropriate pace, accomplishes all planned activities
- Clinician demonstrates flexibility by respond to client's immediate needs





# **Supervisor Observation Report**

## • Equipment & Materials

- Appropriate equipment set-up
- Appropriate measures recorded
- Appropriate feedback to client
- Appropriate materials





## **Supervisor Observation Report**

#### • Treatment Execution

- Collects appropriate data weekly regarding target goals for vocal wellness and documents in SOAP
- Collects appropriate data weekly regarding client self-report of effort and voice quality (and documents in SOAP)
- Provides appropriate modeling,
- Provides opportunities for client to respond
  - "how did that feel?"
  - Effort?
  - Sound? (was that your optimal voice?)
- Provides appropriate feedback using principles of motor learning for voice
- Able to discriminate "correct" vs "incorrect"
- Provides client with appropriate wrap-up at end of session, comparing current from past performance
- As signs appropriate homework, provides appropriate materials





# Perspectives

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- ETSU
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# OUR FINAL GOAL

- Student training and education
- Patient benefit and welfare





# **QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS**

