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POLICY:

A speech-language pathology evaluation includes evaluating the patient's ability to communicate, as appropriate to his/her diagnosis, physician's orders and level of functioning.

PROCEDURE:

- Evaluation protocols, specific to treatment, will be followed for the following:
 - Cognitive:
 - Department created or used traumatic brain injury cognitive evaluation
 - Rancho levels of cognitive functioning
 - Safety evaluation/functional problem solving assessment
 - Aphasia:
 - Porch Index of Communicative Ability
 - Boston Naming Test
 - Aphasia Battery
 - Dysphagia:
 - Bedside dysphagia evaluation (Logemann)
 - Modified barium swallow/video swallow/esophagram with speech
 - Oral mechanism exam
 - Oral mechanism therapeutic exercises
 - VitalStim (if applicable)

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- Aural Rehabilitation:
 - Auditory discrimination test
 - Hearing handicap index for the elderly
 - Utley test of lip reading ability
- Voice:
 - Frank Wilson voice evaluation
 - Pitch pipe or visipitch
 - Laryngeal exercises