

Title: Beyond Parkinson's: Use of Evidence-based LSVT LOUD for Other Movement Disorders, Aging and Children

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## **Presenters and Biographies**



Cynthia Fox, PhD, CCC-SLP is a Co-Founder and CEO of LSVT Global. She is an expert on rehabilitation and neuroplasticity and the role of exercise in the improvement of function consequent to neural injury and disease. Dr. Fox is a world leader in administration of LSVT LOUD speech treatment for geople with Parkinson disease. She was the first to apply this treatment to discorders other than Parkinson disease (e.g., multiple sclerosis) and pioneered the application to pediatric populations including children with cerebral palsy and Down syndrome. Dr. Fox worked closely on the development of a physical/occupational therapy program, LSVT BIG, that was modeled after the speech treatment

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#### Negative Impact of Dysarthria on Communication

- Decreased intelligibility
- Decreased naturalness
- Encounter negative attitudes or discrimination
- Diminished engagement in communication
- Complex challenging to treat

Dickson, S., Barbour, R.S., Brady, M., Clark, A.M, & Paton, G. (2008) International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders, 2, 135-153.Walshe, M, Peach, R.K., & Miller, N. (2009). Dysarthria impact profile: development of a scale to measure psychosocial effects. International Journal of Communication Disorders, 44, 683-715.













### Plasticity Principles Also Apply to Pediatrics

Plasticity occurs when treatments incorporate:

- Intensive task repetitions
- Progressive challenges to the learner with increasing difficulty
- Presence of motivators and rewards (internally driven)
- Active participation
- Skill acquisition of a functional goal
- Practice must be structured

Shertz & Gordon, 2008

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TARGET: Voice – healthy vocal loudness

MODE: Intensive and High Effort

**CALIBRATION**: Addresses barriers to generalization outside of treatment room

These  $\underline{Key\ Concepts}$  of LSVT LOUD are applicable for a range of neurological disorders and a variety of dysarthria types

Ramig, Bonitati, et al., 1991; Ramig, 1992; Dromey, Ramig, Johnson, 1994; Sapir et al., 2003; 2007; Fox et al., 2002; Fox et al., 2006

Deep breath

Open mouth

Reduced rate
Naturalness

And more!

Improved articulation

Mahler et al., 2015; Huber et al., 2003; Spielman et al, 2003; El Sharkawi et al., 2002,Sapir et al., 2003; Sapir et al., 2007

Intonation

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SLP shapes and

models normal

LOUDNESS

with healthy vocal quality, which can

also impact...



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#### Link to Function and Task Specific Practice Personalized for Each Patient is <u>VITAL for Generalization</u>

- Incorporate tasks that are meaningful and salient to person – enhances motivation
- · Link program to functional goals
- Hobbies and passions should be incorporated and used to achieve self-realization and improved communication





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LSVT LOUD Speech Therapy			
Movement Disorders	Usage	Effectiveness*	
Progressive	30%	75%	
Supranuclear Palsy			
Multi-system Atrophy	24%	79%	
Lewy Body Dementia	19%	81%	
Ataxia	14%	88%	



## **Published Research**

(case studies, single-subject designs and small group designs)

Sale, P., Castiglioni, D., De Pandis, M. F., Torti, M., Dall'armi, V., Radicati, F. G., & Stocchi, F. (2015). The Lee Silverman Voice Treatment (LSVT®) speech therapy in progressive supranuclear palsy. *European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine*, *51*(5), 569-74. PMID: 26138088

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Lowit, A., Egan, A. & Hadjivassiliou, M. (2020) Feasibility and Acceptability of Lee Silverman Voice Treatment in **Progressive Ataxias**. *Cerebellum*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s12311-020-01153-3

Sapir, S., Spielman, J., Ramig, L., Hinds, S., Countryman, S., Fox, C., & Story, B. (2003). Effects of intensive voice treatment (the Lee Silverman Voice Treatment [LSVT]) on **ataxic dysarthria**: A case study. *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology*, *12*(4), 387-399. https://doi.org/10.1044/1058-0360(2003/085)

# Speech characteristics of PSP vs. MSA (Rusz et al., 2015)

MSA

- PSP
- Increased dysfluency
- Decreased, slow rate
- Inappropriate silences
- Deficits in vowel articulation
- · Harsh voice quality



Vocal tremor

· Pitch fluctuations

· Excess intensity

 Strain-strangled voice quality









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Ramig, L., Gray, S., Baker, K., Corbin-Lewis, K., Buder, E., Luschei, E., Coon, H., & Smith, M. (2001). The aging voice: A review, treatment data and familial and genetic perspectives. *Folia Phoniatrica et Logopaedica, 53*(5), 252-265. https://doi.org/10.1159/000052680

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Advanced PD/MSA Audio Sample

LSVT LOUD Speech Therapy			
Other Disorders	Usage	Effectiveness*	
Stroke	34%	96%	
Multiple Sclerosis	19%	89%	
Vocal Fold Paralysis	20%	92%	
Aging voice	17%	91%	

\*Combined ratings of Very Effective and Somewhat Effective























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## Dementia Case Example

You have a person with PD who has significant dementia and as a result has difficulty reading unfamiliar material. This particular person is very involved in his place of worship. Thus, you can select familiar short phrases for him to read to keep the intensity of motor practice going and maintain salient engagement.





How does an LSVT LOUD Certified Therapist Determine if LSVT LOUD is Appropriate for Other disorders?

· Evaluate the clinical diagnosis and rationale for focusing on improving voice.

· Determine if there are medical contraindications (e.g. ALS, myasthenia gravis) by consulting with the patient's medical team.

- · If there is a good clinical rationale, based on the physiology of the communication disorder, then try stimulability testing.
- · If stimulability testing is successful, try one week trail treatment. Assess and proceed accordingly.

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## Stimulability: Give everyone a chance!

- · Don't discount successful treatment options just because a condition is severe, advanced or complex
- · The outcomes can be very impressive
- · FUNCTIONAL oral communication of any kind can dramatically improve quality of life in severely disordered communication, even if supplementation is required

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### Summary

- There is a solid rationale for applying LSVT LOUD to conditions with disordered speech beyond Parkinson's
- Research evidence exists for select populations (case studies, single-subject designs and small group designs)
- The effectiveness, as self-rated by treating therapists, of LSVT LOUD in non-PD conditions has been quite high for the conditions reported here
- Challenges associated with applying this treatment beyond PD include cognitive impairment and logistical concerns
- · There are there are adaptations and solutions available to address patient and logistical challenges

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