



INDIAN SPEECH AND HEARING ASSOCIATION, MAHARASHTRA BRANCH

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MISHA had organized a two day workshop on 8th and 9th August 2015 at Nair Hospital for upgrading the knowledge of audiologists and speech language pathologists. The workshop covered two topics.

A. Measures of hearing aid outcome: Development of a Uniform Clinical Protocol

B. Consensus Behavioral Evaluation of communication in a Developing Child: Development of a Uniform Clinical Protocol

The workshops included lectures by experienced professionals on the measures available for assessment and focus on developing uniform clinical protocols. The resource persons included experienced Audiologist's and Speech Language Pathologists from teaching institutes and practicing clinicians. The development of uniform clinical protocols is expected to **enable evidence based practice** in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology.

A. Measures of hearing aid outcome: Development of a Uniform Clinical Protocol

Choosing appropriate hearing devices is one of the most important steps in aural rehabilitation. With advancement in the field of Audiology and technology, a number of hearing devices have been developed for the benefit of persons with hearing impairment. A number of measures are available to measure hearing aid outcome. The focus of this workshop is to update the knowledge of audiologist and speech language pathologists regarding the behavioral and objective measures that can be used to measure benefit from hearing aid and develop a Uniform Clinical Protocol that can be used in Indian Context.

Thus a uniform protocol for measuring hearing aid outcomes for CHILDREN and ADULTS has been uploaded in the name of **AUDIOLOGY** for the benefit of all MISHA members.

B. Consensus Behavioral Evaluation of communication in a Developing Child: Development of a Uniform Clinical Protocol

Communication is a multidimensional and a complex behavior. Development of communication is even more complex. Therefore assessment and reporting of this developing behavior is a challenging task for a clinician. There has been very limited consensus on how exactly this behavior needs to be assessed in a child with a delayed development of speech and language. Hence a uniform assessment and reporting format was formulated which can be used by all clinicians. This will facilitate better communication across clinicians and hence reduce the need to repeat the tests by clinicians when children are referred from one clinic to another clinic due to various reasons. In turn, this will minimize the frustrations and anxiety among parents. All clinicians are encouraged to give a report in the given format. The long term goal is evolution of a more focused and practical assessment procedure.

Please find attached the protocol in the name of **CHILD LANGUAGE**.

We look forward to your feedback and hope that every practicing professional puts it to use.

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