



St Joseph's Hospital **Speech Pathology 'Student Unit'**

The Speech Pathology Department provides outpatient services through the "student unit", which also provides clinical training to Speech Pathology students from universities in NSW. The students work directly with you and your carer, under the close supervision of an experienced Speech Pathologist. The supervisor will directly observe all assessments and most therapy sessions, through use of audio-visual equipment. The supervisor will ensure that you receive the best speech pathology service possible.

Students attend St Joseph's Hospital for 4-6 weeks only, therefore should you require therapy for an extended period, you will work with a number of different students, but under the close supervision of the same Speech Pathologist.

Normally patients attend therapy in blocks of 3-6 weeks, and then have a break from therapy for 1-3 weeks. If further therapy is required, the next speech pathology student will plan any new therapy goals with you and your carer.

The supervisor will be responsible for determining discharge from therapy, in conjunction with you and any carers. Therapy will cease when goals have been

achieved and/or you are no longer benefiting from intervention.

If you are unable to attend any of your appointments, please contact your Speech Pathologist as soon as possible. *Failure to attend 2 successive appointments may result in your name being removed from the therapy list.*

Your supervising Speech Pathologists' name is:

If you wish to speak with her, please phone: 9749-0326, or ask to speak with them when you come in for your appointment.