

A PROFILE OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AMONG ADULT PATIENTS AT THE SPEECH THERAPY UNIT, UNIVERSITY MALAYA MEDICAL CENTRE

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This study was conducted at the Speech Therapy Unit, University Malaya Medical Centre (UMMC). The information and data were collected from the files of the patients who were referred to the speech-language pathologist between January 2002 and December 2004. The main purpose of this study was to create the profile of the communication disorders among the adult population being referred to the speech-language pathologist. From 209 patients that were managed by the speech-language pathologist, 79.9% had voice problems, with vocal abuse or misuse being the main etiology. Results also revealed that the percentage of women with communication disorders managed by the speech-language pathologist was higher than men. This study also found that the percentage of middle age adult group was the highest.

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