

Assessment and Therapy for Language and Cognitive Communication Difficulties in Dementia and Other Progressive Diseases

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“The timing of this book could not be better with the current focus on dementia services. It provides SLTs with a comprehensive guide to how and why we as a profession must meet the needs of people with dementia. In addition to a useful outline of the different types of dementia, the description of assessments combines a broad list of formal tools with informal approaches such as discourse analysis, conversation and functional communication.

Separate chapters focus on language impairments, cognitive communication difficulties and conversation partners, ensuring treatment planning, goal setting and therapy management are covered extensively. Readers are guided through the process of working with these conditions through an excellent mixture of case studies and ‘what does the evidence tell us’ summaries.

A valuable discussion of the difficult issues of measuring outcomes and discharging these patients completes the book. I will certainly be recommending it to all my colleagues”