

## How to choose the right Speech Pathologist for your needs

Try asking the following questions:

- Do they specialise in an area of practice or do they service all areas i.e. adults and paediatrics (hint: clinicians who specialise in a particular area are likely to have more knowledge in that area as they deal with that practice area day in, day out. They are also more likely to attend more training in that focused area of practice)
- How long have they been practising for?
- Are they registered as a certified practising member with SPA?
- How comfortable do you feel talking to them on the phone?
- What are their values and do they align with your values?
- What are their costs?
- NDIS clients seeking services should make sure that prices offered adhere to the NDIS price caps for registered and plan-managed clients.
- Speech Pathologist's are not permitted to use testimonials/and or reviews as they are felt to be misleading. Check how your Speech Pathologist manages their ethics.

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