Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions.

1. Unit that you work most often: _________________________________

2. Shift that you work most often: Day Night

3. Profession:
   - Registered Nurse
   - Respiratory Therapist
   - Certified Nurse Assistant
   - Occupational Therapist
   - Registered Dietitian
   - Physical Therapist
   - Physician
   - Other: _______________________

4. Number of years that you have been employed in the acute care setting: ________________

5. How many times per month do you communicate with or refer to a speech-language pathologist?
   - 0 times
   - 1-10 times
   - 10-20 times
   - More than 20 times
   - Don’t know

6. How many patients each month are cared for by both you and the speech-language pathologist?
   - 0 patients
   - 1-10 patients
   - 10-20 patients
   - More than 20 patients
   - Don’t know

7. How familiar are you with the role of the speech-language pathologist in the acute care hospital setting?
   - Not familiar
   - Somewhat familiar
   - Familiar
   - Very familiar

8. Have you or anyone you know personally received speech therapy services? Yes No

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Please rate responses from 1 to 4 with 1 being not at all important, 2 being possibly important, 3 being important, and 4 being extremely important.

1. How important is a speech-language pathologist for providing services to a patient who:
   1 2 3 4 a. has had a stroke or brain injury
   1 2 3 4 b. was on the ventilator for several days
   1 2 3 4 c. is in a persistent vegetative state with tubefeeding
   1 2 3 4 d. is having trouble swallowing food
   1 2 3 4 e. has acute vomiting due to a bowel obstruction
   1 2 3 4 f. is receiving head/neck radiation
2. Do you think a patient’s communicative abilities can change as a result of speech therapy?
   Yes     No    Uncertain

3. Do you think a patient’s swallowing abilities can change as a result of speech therapy?
   Yes     No    Uncertain

4. Do speech therapy services make a substantial contribution to patient care within the hospital setting?
   Yes     No    Uncertain

For each of the following scenarios, please indicate all professionals who should be involved in the patient’s treatment. Check all that apply.

1. Lee, 46 years old, was recently the victim of a hit and run car accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. He was on the ventilator for two weeks but was extubated yesterday. The physician wants Lee to get out of bed today and to start him on food by mouth.

   Dietitian
   Nurse
   Occupational Therapist
   Pharmacist
   Physical Therapist
   Social Worker
   Speech-Language Pathologist
   Other __________________

2. Mary is 70 years old and recently suffered a stroke. She is not eating or drinking much and often coughs, chokes, and clears her throat during meals. She does not have any problems speaking or understanding others. Mary lives alone and does not know how she will take care of herself when she goes home.

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   Pharmacist
   Physical Therapist
   Social Worker
   Speech-Language Pathologist
   Other __________________
3. Thirty-five-year-old Darrell has diabetes and is mildly mentally challenged. He has had problems maintaining the required diet for his diabetic needs, and he is experiencing developing complications as a result of his poor diet.

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Physical Therapist
Social Worker
Speech-Language Pathologist
Other __________________

4. Dorothy, age 56, suffered a left hemisphere stroke. She is eating and drinking well but has a chronic problem with movement. She is speaking clearly, but her sentences do not make sense and consist mostly of jargon.

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Pharmacist

Physical Therapist
Social Worker
Speech-Language Pathologist
Other __________________

5. Tim, 37 years old, was in a car accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. He has been in the hospital for eight days and is being discharged tomorrow. He complains of memory problems, impaired reasoning and judgment, and difficulty with concentration. He is concerned with medication costs after discharge.

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Pharmacist

Physical Therapist
Social Worker
Speech-Language Pathologist
Other __________________
6. Eliza is worried about her 67 year old husband, Frank. He has been experiencing lapses in his memory and periods of disorientation. She has also noticed that he sometimes has problems with word-finding, and occasionally he appears to be confused when she speaks to him.

Dietitian  
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Pharmacist  

Physical Therapist  
Social Worker  
Speech-Language Pathologist  
Other ________________

7. Jane, 70 years old, was admitted to the hospital with nausea and vomiting. She denied weight-loss and states that she ate well until the development of this acute illness. She has no medical insurance and is worried about paying for her hospital visit.

Dietitian  
Nurse  
Occupational Therapist  
Pharmacist  

Physical Therapist  
Social Worker  
Speech-Language Pathologist  
Other ________________

8. Bill is 90 years old and has had Alzheimer’s dementia for eight years. He resides in a nursing home and was sent to the hospital with pneumonia. Bill is eating poorly, will not feed himself, and will not chew food when someone feeds him. He has lost 20 pounds this year.

Dietitian  
Nurse  
Occupational Therapist  
Pharmacist  

Physical Therapist  
Social Worker  
Speech-Language Pathologist  
Other ________________
9. Rick is a 54-year-old man who recently suffered a left hemisphere stroke. Although he seems to understand the conversation around him, his speech is slow and effortful. He also has trouble walking and feeding himself.

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Nurse  
Occupational Therapist  
Pharmacist  
Physical Therapist  
Social Worker  
Speech-Language Pathologist  
Other ________________

10. Joe, 26 years old, was admitted to the hospital having hallucinations. His family reports that he has a long history of drug abuse and frequently uses Spice. He is very combative, and his speech is not clear.

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Occupational Therapist  
Pharmacist  
Physical Therapist  
Social Worker  
Speech-Language Pathologist  
Other ________________

11. Paul is 40 years old and was just diagnosed with laryngeal cancer. He is scheduled to have his larynx surgically removed three weeks from today and will begin a six-week course of radiation.

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Pharmacist  
Physical Therapist  
Social Worker  
Speech-Language Pathologist  
Other ________________

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.