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Disorders of orality and their consequences: a field of speech therapy

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Résumé :

According to Professor Couly, “*nutritional orality of ingestion and verbal orality of phonemic emission constitute the two main sides of a process in constant evolution.*”

Orality refers to the skills related to the oral-facial sphere, both in the motor and sensory aspects. When these are disturbed or impeded, the speech therapist can intervene to understand, educate/rehabilitate, and accompany patients and their families in the acquisition of skills and the adaptation of the environment and care.

The speech therapist will work on adaptations during and outside of meals in close partnership with the parents and also on pleasure, sensoriality, facial and intraoral sensitivity, tone, postures and oral and facial praxis.

Oral disorders may be associated with other dysfunctions. The global approach of speech therapy will also allow to treat as a preamble or following surgery or orthodontics appliances set-up, maladaptive breathing, atypical swallowing or phonation disorders.