

Communication Access Across the Healthcare Continuum

Friday Forum Agenda
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Communication Access Across the Healthcare Continuum SECOND FRIDAY FORUM Meeting Minutes January 13th

1. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- a. Thank you for starting off 2023 at the PPC Friday Forum!

2. Who's here? Anybody new?

- a. Thank you to everyone who joined! Please view the participant list here:
[Participant List PPC Forum 2023.xlsx - Google Sheets](#)

3. Hot topics for 2023 and Open Forum (issues, information sharing, announcements, requests for resources, upcoming conference presentations, program updates, questions)

- Antonella shared there is a new free version of the Altcom application. The app helps patients answer questions from providers using artificial intelligence and retrieved information from the provider's questions, providing relevant message options automatically. Uses multiple access modalities (eye tracking, touch) using an iPad. If interested in learning more, contact Antonella.
- Helen - shared about @DrawntoAAC's instagram and 'kofi' accounts - the artist makes AAC related drawings and created some related to PPC, which Helen shared with the group.
- Helen also shared that she did a survey of participants at a recent lecture to learn what folks in the UK were interested in learning about re: useful info related to AAC in acute and long term care settings.

- Richard - Will be doing the February talk for USSAAC's titled: Using PowerPoint to Simulate a Speech Generating Device. The USSAAC webinar will be available on February 22 @7:00 pm EST. Register here:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wXwlGwJSSX2FFTBGgpsZMw
- Haley - is hiring! Pediatric outpatient SLP opening at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in Stanford, CA. More information here:
<https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=lucile+packard+SLP&from=googlesl&vjk=e57687edec1d7fce>
- Joni - inquired about communication access within transplant programs. Participants shared perspectives on how communication access plays into organ transplant trajectories

Participants discussed topics of interest to focus on this year:

- Great interest in having Mary Beth Happ share her work, as well as overall interest in nurse training topics
- Richard - patients who use sign language; also challenges with procuring live sign language interpreters
- June - just in time training for all kinds of emergency personnel as they encounter people in the field - in the trenches tips - lots of interest!
- Stacey - partnered with local RCMP officers on communication devices and training-developing needs based communication boards for indigenous languages
- Rachel - interest in emergency department and communication access
- Tami - biases and stigmas that providers have about people who can not communicate with speech. Richard added that this is further challenged when patients are transferred from other care facilities and can't respond to staff per baseline - then biases kick in.
- Randi shared
<https://www.sayitwithsymbols.com/emergency-medical-communication-go-bag/> in the chat in response to preparation for emergency situations

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- New articles:

Poignant article by Megan Morris, Ph.D, M.P.H., [Death by Ableism | NEJM](#)

"The hospital team resisted. They argued that an NG-tube was "uncomfortable" and that it was inhumane to subject David to any potential pain. Instead, they recommended that David be placed in hospice care with no nutritional support...To this day, we remain uncertain whether my grandparents understood what they were consenting to."

[Evaluation of the effectiveness of a training programme for nurses regarding augmentative and alternative communication with intubated patients using Kirkpatrick's model: A pilot study.](#)

Momennasab M, Mohammadi F, DehghanRad F, Jaberi A.

Nurs Open. 2022 Dec 28. doi: 10.1002/nop2.1531. Online ahead of print. PMID: 36577744

[Communicating with mechanically ventilated patients who are awake. A qualitative study on the experience of critical care nurses in Cyprus during the COVID-19 pandemic.](#)

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[Communication with mechanically ventilated patients in intensive care units: A concept analysis](#)

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