

PPC Forum Date and Time: Friday, September 20, 2024, at 12:00 pm EST

Who's here?

- 24 attendees across the United States, Canada, UK, and Israel

Announcements:

- Don't forget to register for the Tools2Use Webinar series! You can register for free at <https://www.patientprovidercommunication.org/>
- Coming soon: The "Communication Access Tool" which is a free, interactive tool that consumers and providers can fill out to identify strategies & needs that support successful healthcare visits. After filling out the forms, the tool will generate a custom, printable PDF of specific communication access needs. Later this year we will link information about how to implement the communication access strategies. If you are interested in a sneak peek at the tool and are willing to give feedback - email jessica.gormley@unmc.edu
- Save the date for the next PPC Forum which will be held on **November 15, 2024 at 12 pm EST**
- In the United States, the Center of Medicare Services will no longer reimburse AAC (or SLP/Audiology services) that involve telepractice starting January 1, 2025.
 - <https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/ASHAaction/Campaigns/106011/Respond>
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Guest Presenter Highlights:

Presenter: Krista Davidson, M.S., CCC-SLP, Clinical Professor at the University of Iowa

Topic:

- United States Society of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (USSAAC) [Disaster Relief Committee](#) and their work to support consumers who use AAC before or in response to natural disasters.
- Krista shared a new resource for emergency communication, the [RescueVoice application](#). RescueVoice was "engineered specifically for first responders and medical personnel to use with individuals who have limited speech or who are unable to speak because of a medical event."
- Other Disaster Relief Committee tools or partner organizations:

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- Recovers.org <https://aacdisasterrelief.recovers.org/>
- Preparedness course toolkit <https://ussaac.org/readiness/>
- First Responders Augmentative/Alternative Communication Training website: <https://www.fraac.com/>

Open Forum Highlights:

What resources were shared?

- Don't forget to register for the Tools2Use Webinar series! You can register for free at <https://www.patientprovidercommunication.org/>
- Here are citations to some recent articles that were published in research journals related to Patient-Provider Communication:
 - Freeman-Sanderson A. et al. (2024) Core Outcome Set for Research Evaluating Interventions to Enable Communication in Patients With an Artificial Airway: An International Delphi Consensus Study (Comm-COS). Critical Care Medicine, 52(9):e450-e462. doi: 10.1097/CCM.0000000000006347. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC11321605/>
 - Cheng, C. et al. (2024). Exploring communication needs and challenges in the intensive care unit: a survey study from providers' and patients' perspectives. American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology, 33, 2311-2326. https://doi.org/10.1044/2024_AJSLP-23-00385
 - LaValley, M. et al. (2024). Augmentative and alternative communication interventions in critical and acute care with mechanically ventilated and tracheostomy patients: a scoping review