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Implementing Spoken Discourse Analysis in Clinical Aphasia Practice: A Virtual Future

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Functional communication use is a key concern for adults with aphasia, who desire a return to the social, occupational and leisure activities they enjoyed prior to onset. However, the process for assessing and treating functional use of language is complex. Existing literature is rich with examples of researchers measuring features of *discourse* in an attempt to assess and treat functional language. The translation of this research into clinical practice is less clear. Clinicians report barriers to analysing discourse relating to resources, time, and knowledge that can be hard to overcome. This presentation will provide an overview of the principles of discourse analysis in aphasia, and ongoing initiatives to solidify the evidence-base to support clinical implementation. In particular, the emergence of virtual reality technology will be examined with reference to the opportunities it presents to assess and treat functional communication in clinical settings.

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