

# Dynamic Therapy Associates, Inc.

## Speech Language Pathology, and Augmentative Communication Specialists

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# **Dynamic AAC Evaluation Protocol Step I: Initial Client Information Form**

**Client Info: Personal** 

Client/Student Name:	DOB:
Social Security Number:	Gender:
Date of Onset:	Referral Source:
Student:  yes no Name of School:	Grade:
Employed:  yes no	Name of Employer:
Medicare #	Medicaid #
Managed Care Medicaid  yes no	Managed Care Medicaid ID#
Does client currently own a communication device:  yes no Make and Model:	Date of Purchase:
Client Info: Residence	
Place of Residence:  Home Facility	Address:
If Facility, Name: Facility Main Phone: Home Phone:	County:
Alternate Phone: Email:	

ICD-9/10 Code:
ICD-9/10Code:
Type of Accident:  Employment Auto Other
Use Client Address Info
Relationship to Client:
Address:
Address.
Physician Address:
Physician UPIN
Physician License #
Address:
Group #
Case Manager: Policy Holder Relationship to Client

# **Client Info: Other Insurance**

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Name of Insurance Company:	Address:
Employer Name:	
Policy #	Group #
Policy Holder Name:	Case Manager:
Policy Holder SS#	Policy Holder Relationship to Client
Policy Holder Date of Birth:	self spouse parent legal guardian
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Client Info: Alternate Funding-	
Please list and describe in detail any o	alternate funding sources
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Statement of Problem:
Please explain the concerns which brought you to this evaluation:
Desired Outcome of Treatments
<b>Desired Outcome of Treatment:</b> What would you like to happen as a result of today's visit and our subsequent involvement with your
family/class?
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# **Step II: Augmentative Communication Evaluation**

# 1. Background Information

Team Members (fam	ily, professionals,	community)	Present at Evaluation?
Educational History			
In Grade Level:			
Early Childhood/Presc	chool		
Primary- Grade:			
College			
Other			
Completed Grade:			
	High School Co	llege Post-Graduate	Other
Elementary benoof			
Type of Program:			
	General Education [	Combination of Speci	al and General Education   Other:
No School			
Current Therapy Serv	vioos•		
Therapy Serv	Frequency	Site	Therapist/Contact Info
Speech Therapy	Trequency	5110	Therapist Contact info
Occupational Therapy			
DI ' 1771			
Physical Therapy			
Other:			
<b>Medical History</b> (add p	ertinent medical proce	dures, history, medication	ons, if any)

Vocational History:  Unemployed	
Attends workshop/day program:	
Employed at	
Additional Comments (vocation)	
Additional Comments (Background Information):	

# 2. Speech and Language Status

report (e.g. client, family, other therapists, teachers) informal assessment formal testing  Formal Tests Administered and Results:    Receptive Language: No deficits in Comprehension    Subjective Comprehension Checklist: single words phrases   sentences   conversation   one-step directions   two-step directions   two-step directions   multiple-step directions   yes/no questions   choice questions   wh-questions   symbols: symbols, photos, line drawings, written words)    Additional information:
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**AAC Evaluation Genie Receptive Language Subtests:** 

Subtests	Percentage Achieved
Receptive Nouns	
Receptive Verbs	
Identification of	
Functions	
Category Recognition	
Word Association	
Category Inclusion	
Category Exclusion	

https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/aac-evaluation-genie/id541418407?mt=8

Test of Aided Symbol Performance (TASP) TASP available at http://www.mayer-johnson.com/tasp

Receptive Symbols (Concrete)	%age	Receptive Symbols (Abstract)	%age
Verbs		Verbs	
People		Pronouns	
Locations		Prepositions	
		Adj/Adv	
		Articles	
Categorization			
Subordinate		Grammatical Auditory	
Grammatical Visual		Category Closure	

Expressive Communication Chec	cklist: (CommunicationMatrix.org)
reIntentional Behavior (behavio	r reflects state but isn't on purpose to get a response from you)
facial expression crying	laughing
<b>ntentional Behavior</b> (purposeful l	but not necessarily communicative)
reaching for something eye	gaze protesting with voice, body movement
nconventional Gestures	
gestures pulling on people	vocalizing eye gaze
Conventional Gestures	
pointing nodding shakin	g head looking from partner to item/activity and back
Concrete Symbols	
objects/pictures iconic gestu	ares (gesturing "come here" or patting seat for "sit down")
Abstract Symbols	
formal signs symbols/printe	ed words speech at the word level
tormar signs symbols/printe	ed words speech at the word level
anguage	
putting words/abstract symbols	together to from phrases
MLU:	
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TASP Syntactic Performance	Message Form
MLU:	S V OBJ ART ADJ/ADV
TASP available at http://www.may	er-iohnson com/tasp
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Functions of Communication Observed/Reported:			
Requesting to meet wants and no	eeds		
☐ Refusing/Protesting			
☐ Sharing Information (specific news, labeling, responding, commenting, offering opinion "like it," "yucky!")			
Requesting Information (ex: "wl	no's that?" "what's next?" "where?"	"when are we done?")	
Social Etiquette (greetings, polit	e forms)		
AAC Evaluation Genie: Picture Description Subtest:			
Mean Length of Utterances			
Syntactic Category Used S V O Adj/Adv			
Language Sample in Picture Description Task:			
Additional Information:			
Written Language			
Produces by handwriting:	Produces by typing:	Given single words (with or without symbols), produces:	
N/A	N/A	N/A	
Letter	Letter	2-3 word phrases	
Words (copying)	Words (copying)	Simple sentences	
Words (independently)	Words (independently)	Complex sentences	
Sentences	Sentences		
Paragraphs	Paragraphs		

Adaptations For Typing		
Standard keyboard	ABC keyboard	
Writing tool adapted	Spelling on device	
QWERTY keyboard	Word prediction support	
Reading		
Functional Reading Comprehension	Reading Comprehension Level	
Nothing	Age-appropriate (at grade level)	
Sight words only	Below age-level (grade level)	
Sentences	Approximate Grade Level:	
Paragraphs	L	
Additional Information:		
Cognition		
Cognition  Francis Cognition Tests on Brackers of Observations		
Formal Cognitive Tests or Professional Observations	•	
Memory for tasks presented:	Attention to tasks presented	
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within functional limits	within functional limits	
partially limited	partially limited	
severely limited	severely limited	
Learning:		
demonstrated new learning during this evaluation (e.	g., new techniques, devices).	
Describe:		
Summary:		
possesses the cognitive abilities to effectively use an	augmentative communication device to achieve	
functional communication goals.		

### **Summary of Speech and Language Status**

### o Emergent/Functional

- O Difficult to fully assess receptive language
- O Beginning to communicate using a variety of methods (gestures, body language, facial expressions, simple symbols)
- O Requires assistance from the communication partner
- O Communicates a limited number of messages in a small set of specific contexts or routines

### Context Dependent/Situational

- O Understands simple and clear symbols; beginning to understand more abstract symbols.
- O Understands most communication about things that are present. May misunderstand references to people, situations and items that are not present
- O Communicates effectively in a limited number of situations OR communicates in a limited way across a variety of situations
- Overall ability to communicate effectively depends on the environment, topic or communication partner
- Has very limited ability to creatively combine symbols to create new messages
- Limited literacy skills

#### Independent/Creative

- Age appropriate receptive language
- O Follows the linguistic rules appropriate for his/her age
- O Writes and spells at or near age level
- O Able to combine single words, spelling, and phrases together to create novel and flexible messages about variety of subjects.

Continuum of Communication Competence model by Patricia Dowden http://depts.washington.edu/augcomm/03\_cimodel/commind1\_intro.htm

# 3. Current Communication Needs

Environments: please check all environments the cli	· · ·
Home/Residence	Telephone
School	Community
Work	Support Group
Medical Facility	Other:
Face-to-Face	
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Partners: please check all partners with whom the cl	lient interacts
☐ Immediate Family	
Extended Family	☐ Medical professionals
Friends	Home health assistants/caregivers
Peers	Individuals in the community
Co-Workers	Other
Teachers	<del>_</del>
Residential staff	
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Topics: please check all topics about which the	he client needs to communicate
Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)	
Medical needs	
Medical/Personal/Legal decision-making	
Emergency needs/information	
Personal needs	
Personal information	
Other:	
<b>Functions:</b>	
Ask questions	
Respond to questions	
Social interaction (family and community)	
Social etiquette	
Resolve/prevent communication breakdowns	
Other:	

# **Summary and Prognosis:** Choose one of the following: Daily functional communication needs cannot be met using natural speech or low-tech/no-tech augmentative communication techniques. OR Improvements in the quantity and intelligibility of client's speech are unlikely, possible, expected at this time. At this time, verbal skills do not allow him/her to meet all of his/her daily communication needs nor do they allow him/her to continue to develop/ regain age-appropriate language skills. Client has a degenerative condition for which traditional speech/language therapy is not effective. His/her natural speech does not allow him/her to meet the majority of his/her daily communication needs. From Funding Manager, Tobii-Dynavox Additional information: Prognosis for functional use of an augmentative communication system: excellent good fair poor

# 4. Sensory and Motor

Vision  ☐ unaided and functional for AAC use ☐ corrected (glasses/contacts) and functional for AAC use ☐ functional use of AAC system required vision accommodations (check necessary accommodations) ☐ Concerns regarding functional visual processing (cortical visual skills) in absence of acuity difficulty	Vision Accommodations:       ☐ increased font size         ☐ increased symbol size       ☐ color contrast         ☐ auditory feedback       ☐ familiar photographs         ☐ decreased visual clutter       ☐ animation         ☐ positioned at       ☐ other:		
Hearing  unaided and functional for AAC use Hearing Aids L R bilateral and functional for AAC use Modifications needed (with/without hearing aids)  Hearing Accommodations: increased volume visual cues (display of message, highlight on activation) headphones dual display for communication other:			
Additional information related to visual and hearing a	abilities of client or family members/caregivers:		

Motor:	
Mobility:	
no assistive devices	
a cane	
a quad cane	
a walker	
a manual wheelchair ( self-propelled or	r 🔲 partner-dependent)
a power wheelchair ( joystick, head	array, or sip and puff switch)
a scooter	
Head:	
Control: complete partial, no	_
Functional Movement:  complete parti	ial, 🔛 no
Hand Use:	
Control: complete partial, no	
Functional Movement:	
Accuracy for Touching Targets: phone ke	
☐ alternate	keyboards: button size
	SGDs and SGD software with trial pagesets such as
Communicator, Compass, Accent (NuVoice)	
Size of Buttons Reliably Accessed	
Number of Buttons Reliably Accessed	
Size of Screen	
Quadrants Reliably Accessed:	
Quadrants Kenabiy Accessed.	
Additional information:	
Additional information.	

# Step III: Hands-On Trials and Results 4. Required Features

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Requ	uired Features
Lang	guage
N	Message generation via spelling (language structure)
N	Message generation via combinations of single words (language structure)
] $ N$	Message generation via pre-stored messages (language use)
] C	Combination of message generation modes for quick communication and creation of novel message
	anguage use and language structure)
$\bigcup V$	Variety of symbols to represent words or concepts
$\Box A$	Ability to use digital photos to represent words or concepts
$\Box A$	Ability to use scenes to set the context for communication
$\bigcup V$	Vord, character, and phrase prediction to speed rate of communication or decrease effort
W	hen spelling
$\Box$ C	Other:
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cce	ess
_] C	Carrying case for protection while device is being transported and used
_	Wheelchair mounting system for easy and safe access in all environments
_	Desk mount for access at various tabletops
	standard size keyboard for touch typing to optimize communication speed
	Keyboard to allow for exploration and literacy learning
	Keyboard to allow for spelling of novel messages
	Multiple keyboard layouts
	Adjustment of access settings (e.g., hold time, scanning speed) to best meet patient's needs
	Accessible via direct selection
$\Box A$	Accessible via eye gaze
$\Box A$	Accessible via keyguard
	Accessible via mouse or mouse alternative (e.g., trackball, Head Mouse, Tracker)
A	Accessible via joystick
] A	Accessible via one- or two- switch scanning
$\Box A$	Accessible via Morse code
$\Box$ A	Accessible via multiple modes to accommodate for changes in condition over time
C	Other:
)evi	ice Characteristics
P	Portability for use in multiple environments
	Durability to withstand daily use
B	Battery power to allow for use throughout the day
V	Voice output for communication in all environments
$\square$ S	synthesized speech for production of novel messages
F	Feedback (e.g., button click, message window highlight) to assist in message preparation/selection
$\Box$ $\Gamma$	Dual display for interactions with hearing impaired individuals or in noisy environments

Flexible font size and color for clearest visual presentation				
Flexible number and size of messages per page for optimal ease of use and comprehension				
Ability to save, retrieve, and edit longer files for use during story telling, speeches, and				
caregiver direction				
Other:				
Connections to the World				
Telephone access to allow for communication of emergency information				
Control of electronic appliances (e.g., lights, fan) for increased independence				
Email/texting capability for interaction with community (medical appointments, information, vocational				
interactions etc)				
Internet accessibility for interaction with community (medical appointments, information, vocational				
interactions etc)				
Other:				

5. ASSESSMENT OF SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES- Use one form per device trialed. Fill in details, check items patient can accomplish, mark N/A for features not available on this device, and X for features not useable by this patient

DEVICE/SOFTWARE/MATERIALS:				
TRIAL SPECIFICS				
Length of Trial:  Considered but rejected without trial due to: inability to meet required features lack of voice output limited ability to meet communication needs in the near future weight or size limiting portability other:  small size not meeting physical or visual needs				
☐ Trial during evaluation Additional Information:	☐ Trial during evaluation session ☐ Longer trial (> 1 week) forAdditional Information:			
with motivating items (video	o questions  role plos, toys, magazines, b		ks, activities, mobility)	
Care for AAC System	Independent	Partner Assisted	Partner Dependent	
Transportation (carrying)	тисреписи	I di dici 715515ted	Turther Dependent	
Battery/Charger				
Maintenance				
Turn on/off				
Programming Mods				
Volume Control				
Size of Display: hand-held (5"-7") tablet sized (10") large screen (12") extra-large (15")  Size of Symbols: Keyboard 2" 2" >3"				
ACCESS METHODS: (consider physical sensory behavioral and attention skills and needs)				

	ration:# locations order between buttons) outtons)		
Movement Considerations	Sufficient on Left	Sufficient on Right	Sufficient Bilaterally
Range of Motion			
Accuracy			
	Audio Feedback Click	Jp ☐ Contract ☐ Drain (c☐ yes ☐ no  yes ☐ left eye ☐ right eye	
Joystick/Mouse:	Zoom Highlight _ F	se	on Highlight  ut

☐ Scanning: Scan Type:	☐ Automatic Scanning with Single Switch ☐ Single Switch with Dwell Select with second hold to select ☐ 2-Switch (switch to move scan target + switch to select)		
Scan Cues:	☐ Zoom Highlight ☐ Border Highlight ☐ Inversion Highlight		
	Auditory Scan Cue: voice selection Private Speaker Output Device Speaker Output at volume		
Scan Pattern:	Row/Column Column/Row Left/Right Left/Center/Right Six Zones Linear Top/Bottom		
Switches Trialed: mechanical button style mechanical pad style			
Switch Control Si	Switch Control Site on Body:		
Position of Input (placement of switch):			
Targeting Method Accuracy:  independent partner support needed emerging			
<b>Body Position Co</b>	nsiderations:		

Size of Symbols:   Keyboard 1" 2" >3"			
Navigation: single page, no navigation can navigate pages – list pages:			
Navigation Support: independent verbal prompts taught in context repetition hand over hand visual cue-button shape, highlight partner assisted navigation			
Type of Symbol:   Object Photograph Symbol Symbol Spelling			
Page Format: Grid Free Form Scene			
Vocabulary Organization: (check all that apply)  Generative/Creative Word Based (ex: Gateway, Word Power) Context Based (scenes or grids related to particular settings Activity Based (scenes/grids related to specific activities Pragmatically Organized (function- ex: want something, greetings, something's wrong) Quick Messages (yes/no, hi/bye, let me/you do it, more/all done, good/bad) Social and Control Messages (greetings, needs, feelings, questions)  Number of Symbols on Page: 1 2-4 8-11 12-15 20-30 40 60 >60  Message Unit: Sentence Phrase Word Letter			
Mean			
Functions:			

**COGNITIVE ACCESS** 

# Step IV: Post-Evaluation Recommendations and Follow-Up Planning 6. Summary and Recommendations

#### SGD AND ACCESSORIES RECOMMENDED

Check recommended device and accessories:

#### **DEVICE**

Prentke Romich	Saltillo NovaChat 8	Tobii Dynavox T7
Accent 800		
Prentke Romich	Saltillo NovaChat	Tobii Dynavox T10
Accent 1000	10	
Prentke Romich	Saltillo NovaChat	Tobii Dynavox T15
Accent 1200	15	
		Tobii Dynavox I-12
		Tobii Dynavox I-15
Other:		

**TABLET APPLICATIONS:** Comprehensive (core, context-based, dictionary, added features)

Aacorn AAC	LAMP	Speak4Yourself
Autismate	Proloquo2Go	Speech Hero AAC
Avaz Together		Tobii Dynavox Compass
GoTalk Now		TouchChat

**TABLET APPLICATIONS: Limited (typically one type of vocab organization)** 

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ChatAble	Something to Say	So Much to Say	
My First AAC	SonoFlex	Talking Cards	
Scene&Heard			

#### **SWITCH**

Mechanical Button	Square Pad
Big Button	Pillow
Microlight	Trigger Switch
Plate Switch	Switch Joystick with Push
Cap Switch	Mini Joystick
Cup Switch	SCATIR
Mini Cup	Other:

#### **ACCESS ACCESORY**

Extra Charger	Eye Gaze Camera:
Headmouse	Keyguard/guide:
Tracker	Other:
Headpointer	

MOUNTING & PORTABILITY EQUIPMENT Switch Mount: SGD Mount: Tubing Size: \_\_\_\_ Tubing Size: Other Mounting Placement: Other Mounting Placement: \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Brand: Mount Brand: \_\_\_\_\_ Standard Carrying Case Accessible Carrying Case **Durable Carrying Case** 7. Treatment Plan and Follow-Up INTERVENTION SCHEDULE **Recommended Follow-Up:** Consultation as Needed Limited number of follow-up treatment sessions after receipt of device: \_\_\_\_\_ (#) On-going therapy with \_\_\_\_\_ minutes per session; \_\_\_\_ number of sessions per week Individual therapy recommended Group treatment recommended If follow up services are not available, a high tech speech generating device is not recommended. TREATMENT GOALS: See Dynamic AAC Goals Grid and Planning Guide (DAGG-2) The Goals Grid should be completed to determine areas of strength and need. Partners should be consulted regarding priority goals targeting increasing function and independence.

### PATIENT/FAMILY SUPPORT OF SGD

Responsible Parties	Patient	Family	Caregiver (name)	Manufacturer Representative (name)	Therapist (name)	Other (name)
Therapy to address						
above goals						
Initial Training						
Initial Customization						
(programming,						
vocabulary selection,						
intervention planning)						
On-Going Training						
and Modification						
Maintenance of						
Device						
Warranty						
Maintenance						
Management						

### NECESSARY FUNDING PAPERWORK

	Check when obtained	l Date
Medicaid/Insurance Cards Copied		
Benefits Assignment Signed by Parent/Consumer		
Doctor's Prescription		
AAC Evaluation Written		
Quote from Manufacturer		

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