LIFE PARTICIPATION GOALS + EMR CONSIDERATIONS

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In some clinical settings, SLPs may feel limited by their documentation systems. Here are some examples of how to make goals that are more LPAA-friendly and client focused. Even if you're working with standard EMR goals, we can associate them to the client selected LPAA goals. We also have Lingraphica resources that may help you along the way – just ask your clinical consultant!

1. Start with the outcome – what would they like to be able to do?

EXAMPLE – ***Send a yearly update letter to family and friends as they did prior to their stroke.***

2. What will they need support/help with to accomplish this long-term goal?

These will be your LPAA based short-term therapy goals:

Patient will:
- Copy addresses of friends/family to improve written expression and self-monitoring of errors.
- Write phrase-length descriptions of personal photos to communicate recent events.
- With caregiver assistance, add 3 new phrases describing recent events to their SGD each week to supplement expressive skills and increase conversational participation.
- Use SGD to select and participate in 2 group activities per week for improved social connection and community engagement.
- Use voice dictation on phone and/or SGD to type list of favorite activities, events and updates for yearly family letter with support from communication partner(s) as needed.

3. Now, let's fit these LPAA goals into your EMR short- & long-term goals:

EMR STGs:
a. Patient will complete functional writing tasks with ***% accuracy given *** cues.
b. Patient will participate in 3-4 social exchanges with the SGD per sessions with *** cues.
c. Patient will answer questions about himself with the SGD given *** cues.

EMR LTG:
Patient will increase communication effectiveness by providing clarifying information using the SGD with *** assistance of communication partners.

Here's another EXAMPLE – ***Talk on the phone more often with friends/family.***

Patient will:

- Use SGD to activate Alexa/Siri to call desired communication partners independently.
- Demonstrate selection of appropriate communication phrases for communication partner with min cues from caregiver/SLP for navigation assistance.
- Add 3 new phrases to answer questions about their recent events/activities to their SGD each week, with caregiver assistance, to supplement expressive skills and increase conversational participation.
- Demonstrate use of communication breakdown strategies as needed during phone conversations to clarify message and/or provide additional information for improved CP understanding with 80% accuracy.
- Alert new communication partners that they are using a communication device to speak over the phone independently.
- Participate in 2 phone conversations per week with communication partners of choice to increase social interactions.

EMR STGs:

a. Patient will answer questions about himself with the SGD given *** cues.
b. Patient will participate in 3-4 social exchanges with the SGD per sessions with *** cues.
c. Patient will provide clarifying information with *** cues to increase communicative effectiveness.

EMR LTG:

Patient will increase communication effectiveness by providing clarifying information using the SGD with *** assistance of communication partners.

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