



MS. RIYA JACOB

Specialist - Speech Language Pathologist And Dysphagia

Qualification

Master of Science (MSc) (Speech-Language Pathology) | Bachelor of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (BASLP)

Overview

Ms. Riya Jacob is a Speech Language Pathologist with over five years of clinical experience in the assessment and management of communication, speech, language, feeding, and swallowing disorders. She currently serves as a Speech Language Pathologist and Dysphagia Specialist at Manipal Hospitals, Sarjapur, where she provides evidence-based assessment and intervention services tailored to the needs of both pediatric and adult populations. She holds a Master of Science (MSc) in Speech-Language Pathology and a Bachelor of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (BASLP) from Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal. She is a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist registered with the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI). Ms. Riya has extensive experience working with neurodivergent children and children with developmental communication disorders, including Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS), Speech Sound Disorders (Articulation and Phonological Disorders), Fluency Disorders, Language Delays, Feeding and oral motor/oral sensory difficulties, and other Neurodevelopmental disorders. She is trained in Oral Placement

Therapy (OPT) and extensively utilizes Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) to support functional communication. She has conducted individual, paired, and group therapy sessions for neurodivergent children, focusing on communication, social interaction, and pragmatic language skills. She has also contributed to community outreach programs aimed at promoting regulation and pragmatic/social communication skills for children within natural and social environments. With her transition into acute-care hospital practice, she is also involved in the assessment and management of adults with Voice disorders, Dysphagia, Aphasia, Dysarthria, other Neurogenic Communication Disorders and Cognitive Communication Disorders. She is committed to providing individualized, patient-centered care while collaborating closely with families and multidisciplinary teams to achieve meaningful functional outcomes.

Fellowship & Membership

- Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI)

Field of Expertise

- Pediatric Speech and Language Disorders
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS)
- Language Delays
- Speech Sound Disorders (Articulation and Phonological Disorders)
- Social Communication and Pragmatic Language Disorders
- Feeding and Oral-Motor/Oral-Sensory Difficulties
- Adult Neurogenic Communication Disorders (Aphasia, Dysarthria, and Cognitive-Communication Disorders)

- Dysphagia (Swallowing Disorders)
- Voice Disorders
- Fluency Disorders (Stuttering)
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)
- Oral Placement Therapy (OPT)

Languages Spoken

- English
- Hindi
- Malayalam
- Kannada

Awards & Achievements

- TalkTools® Oral Placement Therapy (OPT): 3-Part Treatment Plan Course
- TalkTools® Oral Placement Therapy (OPT): Assessment and Program Plan Development Course
- Langmore Foundation FEES Course with Hands-on Training Post-Laryngectomy Rehabilitation Training, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai
- Advanced Training in International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA), Phonetics, and Speech Sound Analysis
- Recipient of Best Poster Presentation Award: "Major Challenges and Management Options in Individuals with Oropharyngeal Dysphagia Secondary to Hemiglossectomy", National Speech Seminar, Manipal University, Manipal
- Recipient of Sir Dorabji Tata Trusts Academic Scholarship for Speech Therapy

Talks & Publications

- Jacob, R. S., John, S., Bellon-Harn, M. L., & Manchaiah, V. (2023): "Exploring Maternal Interactions During Shared Book Readings in Indian Home Contexts"
- Published in Early Childhood Education Journal. Varghese, J., Jacob, R., Krishnan, J. B., Aithal, V. U., Sharan, K., & Bellur, R. (2025): "Patient-reported Outcome Measures Used in Prophylactic Dysphagia Intervention for Head and Neck Cancer Patients Undergoing Radiation Therapy: A Systematic Review"
- Published in Logopedics Phoniatrics Vocology. Master's Thesis (2020): "Exploring Parent-Child Language Interaction Pattern during Shared Book Reading in Preschoolers"
- Poster Presentation: "Screening Procedure in Elderly Population", National Consortium, Manipal University, Manipal
- Poster Presentation: "Major Challenges and Management Options in Individuals with Oropharyngeal Dysphagia Secondary to Hemiglossectomy", National Seminar, Manipal University, Manipal