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# Continuing Professional Development Lecture: Communication Strategies When Listening And Talking To Children And Adults With Hearing Loss

10 September 2019

## Synopsis

This CPD lecture introduces the audience to the **principles of Auditory-Verbal Therapy** which is an **evidence-based approach** for **teaching children with hearing loss to listen and talk**. Universal Newborn Hearing Screening started in Singapore in 2002 and congenital deafness is reportedly the most common birth defect in Singapore. As more than 90% of children with hearing loss are born to hearing parents, the natural mode of communication for hearing parents with their child is through spoken language.

Auditory-Verbal Therapy principles have also been adapted to **support aural rehabilitation for adults** who lose their hearing later in life due to diseases, side effects of treatment, prolonged noise exposure and natural process of ageing.

The audience will **learn various strategies** that can help them when **communicating with children and adults with hearing loss**. There is also the opportunity to engage in **role-play of scenarios**.

## Speaker

**Olivia Wee**  
Senior Auditory-Verbal Therapist  
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**Miss Olivia Wee** trained as a research psycholinguist at the Master's level at the National University of Singapore. She graduated with a second Masters Degree in Deaf Education with a specialisation in Early Oral Intervention from America.

She was one of the first Auditory-Verbal Therapists supporting families of children with hearing loss in Singapore and she is now one of six Listening and Spoken Language Specialists who is certified in Auditory-Verbal Therapy (LSLS Cert. AVT) in the country. She has practised as an Auditory-Verbal Therapist for 14 years and has worked with families and professionals in America, China, Taiwan, Japan and South East Asia.

She believes firmly that with early and appropriate intervention, children with any degree of hearing loss can listen, develop spoken language, attend mainstream schools and be happy contributing members of society. She is a mentor to the next generation of therapists and an advocate for those with hearing loss.

## Lecture Details

Date	: 10 September 2019, Tuesday
Duration	: 1 hour
Time	: 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Venue	: Learning Space Room 4/5 Singapore General Hospital Block 6 Level 1, Outram Road Singapore 169608
Fee	: Complimentary

## Target Audience

All allied health professionals, doctors and nurses.

## Registration

To register, please submit the following details to Sharon Ho at [sharon.ho.shu.phing@sgh.com.sg](mailto:sharon.ho.shu.phing@sgh.com.sg) by **16 August 2019, Friday**.

- Name
- Organisation
- Department
- Profession
- Contact No.
- Email Address
- SGH Employee No. (if applicable)
- Professional Registration No. (with SPC / SNB / SMC)

Upon registration, you agree to the following [Terms & Conditions](#).

*Limited to 120 pax, on a first-come-first-served basis. As priority would be given to those who have pre-registered, walk-in registrations may not be accepted.*

*To maximise your learning and also to help each other to focus better at the lecture, please be punctual for the lecture.*

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