

Aerodigestive Clinic (ADC)

Hospital Responding	Comments	Are all your physicians employed by your hospital, or are they employed by a University?	Are the speech therapists and physicians employed by the same entity?
A		There is a mix....private practice and employed and leased	No, but the clinic pays this FTE for Rehab
B	We had our first clinic 3/2/17	mixed-some by hospital, some by PC/University	SLPs employed by hospital
C	SLP's focus in our airway Clinic is on Feeding/Swallowing and/or Speaking Valve Trial	Several providers: SLP, ENT, Pulmonology, GI, Respiratory. Some employed by hospitals others part of a practice affiliated with the hospital	No

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Is your clinic held in and billed as hospital-based space (site of service 22) or free-standing clinic space (site of service 11)?	Does Speech therapy bill for their time in clinic? If yes, do they bill evaluation or treatment? What if the child is seen in clinic >1x/year?	Does each physician bill for their time in clinic?
Hospital based	Only bill procedures when completed (FEES). Most of the time the SLP is doing family education and case management vs direct tx or eval so we don't bill for their time unless they do a complete eval/procedure. Differs depending on the need to follow.	Yes
hospital-based	Yes-variable based on what SLP does. If child not in therapy-bill eval, if child is in therapy-bill tx. May bill for FEES if performed.	Professional fees
Hospital-based	Yes - evaluation. Do not have difficulty with repeated evaluations for Feeding/swallowing within one year.	Yes

<p>Do you have any idea how well speech is reimbursed for the clinic visit? I know this is probably specific to and differs by payer, but I was just curious if you had a range for how much you are actually reimbursed compared to what you bill?</p>	<p>Do you know if your ADC breaks even, makes money, or loses money for the hospital?</p>
<p>The clinic pays for their time/FTE.</p>	<p>Not sure</p>
<p>not yet.....anticipate reimbursement should be at same level as when we see patients in our own clinic area</p>	<p>not yet</p>
<p>Do not have specific data. Most of these patients are on medicaid managed health plans.</p>	<p>In the grand scheme: clinic visits long, but major surgeries are involved, as we perform many LTRs. SLPs see these patients in clinic prior to surgery, as inpatients following surgery, and for long-term follow-up, as needed.</p>

Do insurance companies deny paying for your clinic evaluation if a child is being followed by an outpatient or home health therapist where they already have a current Speech evaluation on file?

Yes, that is another reason why we don't bill.....but mainly is they are not doing a full tx or dx.

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I am unaware of any conflicts, mostly due to our strong focus on Feeding/swallowing.