



Supporting Communication Access in Acute Care

Without Accommodation:

- Frustration
- Isolation
- Fear
- Increased risk



With Accommodations:

- Participation
- Potentially reduced hospital stays and readmissions
- Improved health outcomes

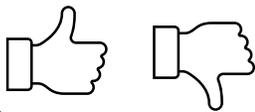


Everyone has the **potential** to **communicate**

Everyone has the **right** to **communicate**



Establish a reliable yes/no signal



Provide multiple ways to communicate



Ensure call bell access



Communication looks like...

Consult an S-LP or Audiologist for help with:

- Assessing communication/hearing
- Optimizing communication/hearing
- Educating team members
- Providing communication tools/hearing supports
- Follow-up care

Other key team members:

- The Patient
- Family/Friends
- Medical Staff
- Rehabilitation Staff
- Support Staff

