

Editorial

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*Revista Chilena de Fonoaudiología* continues to serve its purpose of being a space of exchange for Spanish-speaking researchers and professionals linked to Speech Therapy. In particular, it addresses topics such as hearing, human communication, oral motor skills, and swallowing, considering their typical functioning as well as disturbances. Additionally, studies related to professional training and the activities of speech therapists are included.

It is worth mentioning that since its founding in 1999 our magazine has shown constant development, which has been reflected in the quality and novelty of the articles, as well as in the visibility of the journal. As a result, there are two new indexations that our magazine has been included in: ERIH Plus since 2020 and SCOPUS since 2021. In addition, this volume represents an important milestone, since for the first time *Revista Chilena de Fonoaudiología* will be published in Spanish as well as in English. We hope that this contributes to the global dissemination of problematics, development, and challenges existing in our region.

The first two articles of this issue are centered on the field of voice therapy. The first one presents a theoretical proposal for voice therapy planning based on the ICF model, which contributes to a biopsychosocial perspective of speech therapy intervention in this area. The second one addresses vocal self-perception in Chilean transgender women, providing evidence of a topic that has not been studied extensively in our country, despite its impact on the quality of life of transgender people. Next, an integrative literature review is presented. It provides a state of the art concerning the perceptual evaluation of velopharyngeal insufficiency in people with cleft palate. This is followed by a study on the practice of Chilean professionals regarding the management of cuff pressure in adult patients with an artificial airway. Both articles systematize relevant evidence for clinical

practice in two areas that are challenging, due to the risks they present for clients.

Next, we present an article in the field of adult communication and language. This research studies the effect of age and education level on the performance of healthy people in the Sydney Language Battery (Sydbat) in Chilean Spanish, an instrument created to evaluate language in people with progressive primary aphasia. This study provides scores for a possible validation of the instrument in our country. Along the same lines, a study in the field of child communication and language is published that shows the validity and reliability of the Phonetic-Phonological Repetition Test (TREFF), an instrument that evaluates children's phonetic-phonological performance. Both papers are a relevant contribution to the action of speech therapists in Chile, since their purpose is to provide professionals who work with adults or children with evaluation tools adapted to our population.

In addition, a systematic review is included in this number, which focuses on the development of social communication through Homeschooling. This model becomes relevant in the current health context, given the high number of children who had to remain at home, with the subsequent impact on their social interaction and communication.

This issue ends with three articles aimed at portraying the role of speech therapists in health care. The first one presents a review of the work of speech therapists in palliative care, which provides an interesting and illuminating look at the foundations, roles, and challenges of Speech Therapy in the high complexity area, both for the professionals as well as clients and their families. The following two manuscripts address speech therapy in health care centers. One exposes the experiences of speech therapists in hospitals and community rehabilitation centers, whilst the other provides a

perspective of Speech Therapy in primary health care. This series of works allows us to better understand the action of speech therapists in emerging health care areas in our country, in addition to providing more evidence of said areas, and contributing to their development.