**(FORM D)**

**CLINICAL ACCREDITATION GUIDELINE AND CONDITIONALITIES FOR SPEECH THERAPY PRACTICE IN NIGERIA**

**GUIDELINES**

All Health Institutions/Hospitals offering services in Speech therapy shall be accredited/re-accredited for Board’s recognition, internship training programme and safe practice.

**Values**

1. Proper identification of **Physical Facilities**.
2. Total evaluation/assessment of **concepts** applied for treatment procedures;
3. Appraisal of the various **modalities** involved in the day-to-day patients handling;
4. Standardization of **tools/equipments** utilized in treatment procedures;
5. Proper maintenance of available **infrastructural facilities;** and
6. Availability of **Manpower/Human Resources** profiles.

**Adopted Standards**

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| **S/N** | **Category of Health Institutions/Hospitals/**  **Clinics** | | **Expected Nos. of Speech therapists** | **Expected Nos. of Intern Speech therapists** | **Expected Nos. of NYSC Speech therapists** | **Expected Areas of Specialization** | **Headship Arrangement** | **Other Comments** |
| 1 | Private Hospitals with 100 beds | | 4 | 8 | 3 |  | Principal Speech therapist with at least 8 years working experience |  |
| 2 | Private Audiology Clinics | | 4 | 4 | 1 |  | “ |  |
| 3 | Health Institutions/Hospital of 500beds and above | 15 | | 8 | 5 |  |  |  |
| 4 | Health Institutions/ Hospitals with 400-500beds | 10 | | 5 | 5 |  | “ |  |
| 5 | Health Institution/Hospitals with less than 200 beds | 8 | | 5 | 3 |  |  |  |
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**Physical Facilities (Speech therapy)**

* A unit, department or building with a conspicuous sign post in a clean and tidy environment
* Adequate water supply and electricity
* Clean and tidy environment
* Laboratory
* Adequate offices
* Adequate conveniences for staff and patients for both gender
* Seminar room
* An E- library with current journals and textbooks

**Basic Machineries/Equipments and Tools**

1. Adaptive communication switches

* Infrared switches
* Jelly switches
* Sound switches
* Touch switches

Sound Measuring apparatus

* Electroglottograph (EGG)
* Laryngograph

Decibel Meter

Acoustic wave therapy

Stroboscopes

* Diagnostic Stroboscopes
* Video stroboscopes

Tablet Computer

Voice Synthesizer

* Augmentative Communication Device
* Therapeutic voice synthesizers

Analytical Software

* Language analysis software
* Signal analysis software
* Speech analysis software

Aphasia apparatus

Multi-Speech

Speech training System

Text to Speech-Universal Reader

Audio recorder

Models

Mirror

Tongue depressor

Reinforcers

Reference materials

1. Facilities for training such as Departmental Library, Seminar rooms, Laboratory, Separate common rooms for interns and supportive aids should be available in the Department or within the Hospital.
2. Treatment Surfaces, Supports, covers and Paddling’s for Treatment and Examination should be available in good numbers and should be in safe condition:

Examination Beds and Plinths

Pillows

Towels

Mackintosh

1. Facilities and Equipment for Clinical Examination of Patients should be in safe working Condition and adequate:

Examination Room

Examination cubicles

1. Facilities for Infection control

Sterilizing unit/Equipment

Autoclave drums for Autoclave Dressings

Face Masks

Disposable Gloves

Sputum Container/Cartons

Antiseptic solutions e.g Eusol, Savlon etc.

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