

Target Area: Communication, Language, Speech Disorders

<p>Denes, Perrazzolo, Piani &amp; Piccione (1996). <i>Intensive Versus Regular Speech Therapy in Global Aphasia: A Controlled Study.</i> <i>Aphasiology</i> 10(4): 385-394</p>	<p>PEDro score - 6/10</p>
<p>Method/Results</p>	<p>Rehabilitation Program</p>
<p>Design Y Studytype: RCT. Y Population: n=17 participants with global aphasia. Y Groups: Intensive treatment group (n=8, 62.5% male) and a regular treatment group (n=9, 67% male). Y Setting: Community setting.</p> <p>Primary outcome measure/s: Y Token Test (error score). Y Repetition. Y Written Language. Y Comprehension and profile level on the Aachen Aphasia Test.</p> <p>Secondary outcome measure/s: Y See primary outcome measures.</p> <p>Result: Both treated groups showed a significant improvement in all language modalities, with those in the intensive language treatment group having amore favourable outcome, including a tendency to evolve towards a more favourable type of aphasia.</p>	<p>Aim: To evaluate the effect of intensity of speech pathology intervention for people with global aphasia.</p> <p>Materials: Conversational treatment, retelling stories relating to the person's own experiences.</p> <p>Treatment plan/procedure: Y Duration: Regular treatment group had an average of 60 individual sessions (range 56–70) over a 6 month period; the intensive speech treatment had an average of 130 individual speech therapy sessions (range 94–160). Y Procedure: Each session was between 45 and 60 minutes and completed mostly on an outpatient basis. Y Content: Treatment approach was the same for both groups. It included a focus on restoring language in a conversational setting using all means at a patient's disposal such as speaking, gesturing, facial expression to stimulate conversation. The patient was taught about the different roles of speaker and listener. There was also a focus on comprehension in a conversational setting, using picture resources and working on comprehension of the meaning of a short story.</p>