Communication Access: A Basic Human Right

Aphasia affects a person’s ability to communicate, not their intellect. People with aphasia—and countless others—face barriers to communication on a daily basis.

According to the Joint Commission, 60-70% of patient harm in hospitals is associated with lack of effective communication.

Break down the barriers

- Use short, simple sentences
- Use gestures and body language
- Show what you mean
- Write key words and share visuals
- Ask yes/no questions and then verify

93% of stroke survivors with aphasia experience high psychological distress.


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