

The AAC Team at the ALS Clinic

Who we are:

- ❖ The AAC team here at the ALS Clinic includes both a Speech-Language Pathologist and Occupational Therapist who are members of an ADP-designated communication clinic located at Hamilton Health Sciences (Technology Access Clinic).

What we do:

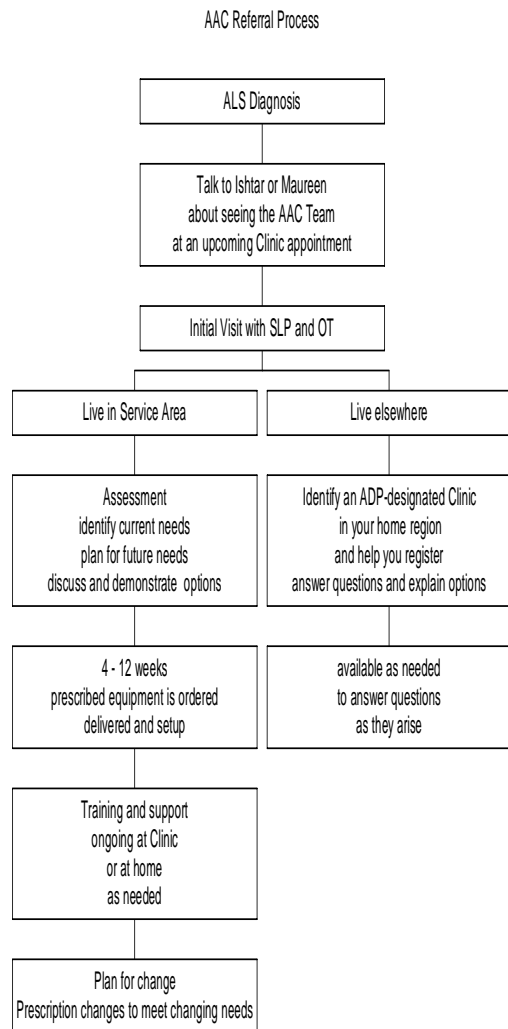
- ❖ Answer questions and talk to you about speech and handwriting alternatives.
- ❖ Prescribe equipment and devices. Make changes to the equipment and devices as needs change
- ❖ If you do not live in our service region we can help you register with an expanded level ADP-designated communication centre in your home region.

A Gentle Reminder:

Arranging assessments and ordering devices is a lengthy process and so we highly recommend an appointment with the AAC team soon after diagnosis.

The Referral Process

Speech and Writing Technology can be custom designed for people at the Early, Middle and Late Stages of ALS. We recommend that involvement with the AAC Team begin when speech and writing are still possible.



Taking the first step

The first step is to book an initial assessment with our AAC team and this can be done by calling:

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Speech-Language Pathologist

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Occupational Therapist

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Rehabilitation Technologist

The AAC Team is also available during clinic hours EVERY LAST Friday of each month

Funding

The Assistive Devices Program and the ALS society provide most of the funding for communication aids.

However, clients should expect to contribute a few hundred dollars per year.

What is AAC?

- ❖ AAC stands for Augmentative and Alternative Communication
- ❖ AAC refers to ways (other than speech and handwriting) that are used to send a message from one person to another.



The Goal of AAC

- ❖ To maintain communication so that there is access to the largest array of vocabulary, with the least amount of effort, in the least amount of time.
- ❖ Early on, the goal is to maintain speech and handwriting function and to learn and prepare.
- ❖ In the middle stages, the goal is to maintain independence in communicating.
- ❖ Later, the goal is to maintain communication with family and care providers.



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Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC)

Communication should not be a missing piece.



Stay connected.
Talk to us about your options.