

JUNE IS APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH

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

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

— Hilari et al (2010, 2011)

SIMPLIFY YOUR TALKING
Use short, simple sentences

USE GESTURES & BODY LANGUAGE
Show what you mean

SHOW PICTURES AND DIAGRAMS
Write key words and share visuals

CONFIRM UNDERSTANDING
Ask yes/no questions and then verify



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