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Addressing Social Connection and Mental Health in Aphasia Care: Clinical Considerations and Approaches

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Course outline:

- Impact of aphasia on quality of life
 - Loss of autonomy, identity, and social connections
 - Risk of mental health consequences
 - Barriers to accessing mental health services for people with aphasia
- Prioritizing meaningful communication and connection in SLP services
 - Embracing LPAA and A-FROM in assessment, collaborative goal-setting, treatment, and care partner training
 - Helping clients feel connected to their loved ones and to the broader aphasia community
- Bridging the gap between disciplines
 - Embracing counseling and promoting self-advocacy in SLP services
 - Facilitating access to mental health support for individuals with aphasia
 - Educating and collaborating with mental health providers
- Take-away points
- Q&A



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