Fidelity: An Essential Component of Evidence-Based Practice in Speech-Language Pathology

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Purpose  To provide a primer regarding treatment fidelity as it affects evidence-based practice (EBP) for speech-language pathologists.

Method  This tutorial defines treatment fidelity, examines the role of treatment fidelity for speech-language pathologists, provides examples of fidelity measurement, and describes approaches for assessing treatment fidelity.

Conclusion  Treatment fidelity is a neglected construct in the EBP literature; however, fidelity is a crucial construct for documenting intervention effectiveness and engaging in EBP.
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