

Editors' Note

Keeping with the tradition of the *Journal of Clinical Speech and Language Studies*, we are pleased to open this volume with an invited paper from Parker and Kersner, acknowledged experts on the impact of hearing impairment on speech intelligibility. Speech and language therapists are increasingly asked to take a role in the management of individuals with significant hearing impairment, a role highlighted by Parker and Kersner's paper.

Another area of growing clinical concern is the management of acquired fluency disorders, the focus of two papers by van Borsel and Stewart respectively. A third rapidly expanding area of clinical expertise, Alternative and Augmentative Communication, is the focus of the paper by Long, entitled *A study of communicative competence among children using augmentative communication with their partners*. Finally, Walshe and Ní Loinsígh consider an alternative approach to service delivery for adults with acquired communication disorders and explore the value of a domiciliary-based model of care.

We are delighted to be able to offer such a broad range of papers in *Volume 7*, reflecting the diverse and ever-changing developments in the management of communication impairments. We extend our sincere and grateful thanks to all those who have contributed directly and indirectly to this volume of the Journal.

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