



# AAC FOR PARKINSON'S

## THE 5 STAGES OF SPEECH CHANGE

1

### NO DETECTIBLE SPEECH DISORDER

This is the time to think about what your future communication environments will be and what kinds of communication you will be doing in those places. Consider Voice Banking for later use.

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### REDUCED VOLUME

Speech therapy intervention is needed. AAC interventions are introduced in different forms to support communication in various environments. For example, portable speech amplification systems and telephone adaptations.

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### DIMINISHED SPEECH INTELLIGIBILITY

Characterized by imprecise consonant productions, increasingly reduced volume and alterations in rate, AAC intervention is helpful and might consist of rate control supports, letter boards, topic displays and remnant books.

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### LOSS OF FUNCTIONAL NATURAL SPEECH

An AAC device is necessary now. Portable typing systems, tablet apps recommended by your speech pathologist or computerized voice-output devices. Your banked voice messages are now useful

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### LOSS OF ALL NATURAL SPEECH

Introducing AAC at this stage is difficult due to possible motor control challenges, motor memory difficulties and/or possible cognitive impairments.

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