



SMITHVILLE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY NEWS

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SHA Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Center Welcomes New Speech Therapist

SHA Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Center is pleased to announce Mary McCormick, speech therapist, has joined their medical staff. McCormick, a resident of Bastrop, has joined Lorri French and the rehabilitation team at Bastrop Medical Center. She is currently taking appointments at (512) 304-0331. McCormick will perform Modified Barium Swallow (MBS) studies at Smithville Regional Hospital for inpatients and outpatients. MBS, a test often administered after a stroke or other neurological dysfunction, is performed by video fluoroscopy to determine the pharyngeal phase of the swallow and a person's ability to safely swallow food or medication. Swallow studies and therapy can decrease the risk of aspiration pneumonia and improve ones quality of life.

McCormick has performed over 500 of these studies in hospitals throughout Texas including Dallas, Ft. Worth, Austin, Smithville and LaGrange. She is a skilled professional, energetic and eager to provide elite speech therapy services to Bastrop and the surrounding communities.

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