



## Speech and Swallowing Therapist

Conceptualized in the year 2004 as a philanthropic initiative for the Eastern and North-Eastern parts of India and the neighboring countries, the Tata Medical Center (TMC) started operations in Kolkata on May 16, 2011. The hospital is governed by a charitable trust – Tata Medical Centre Trust. It is an integrated Oncology facility with well-trained professional staff and equipped with modern facilities and the most contemporary medical equipment. The hospital was designed by Cannon Design, a renowned architectural firm from North America. It is located on 13 acres of land at New Town in Kolkata, West Bengal.

The hospital is an integrated Oncology facility with well-trained professional staff and equipped with modern facilities and contemporary medical equipment. The Hospital, with a capacity of 437 beds, serves all sections of the society, with 75% of the infrastructure earmarked for subsidized treatment for the underprivileged sections. It provides a wide spectrum of services from diagnosis and therapy to rehabilitation and palliative support. The Institution's objective is to excel in service, education and research.

Tata Medical Center, Kolkata, has strived to be one of the leading cancer care and research institutions in the country and has benefited West Bengal as well as the adjoining states and neighbouring countries.

TMC is also running many academic programmes and has entered into institutional collaborations in education, research, and outreach programmes in the field of interdisciplinary medical, research and technology.

To fulfil the above objectives TMC invites applications for the position of **Speech and Swallowing Therapist**

**Qualification:** Bachelors or Masters Degree in Speech Pathology or Communicative Disorders (B.A.S.L.P. / M.A.S.L.P)

**Experience:** 3 years of minimum experience in the relevant specialty.

### **Brief Job Description:**

- Independently assess speech and swallowing problems in patients referred and recommend appropriate treatment
- Work jointly with the Head and Neck Surgeon in performing procedures like functional endoscopic assessment of swallowing ( FEES) and videofluoroscopy
- Join the head and neck surgery team on rounds to assist inpatients with swallowing problems following surgery and reconstruction
- Work in association with the Dental Surgeon and Physiotherapist wherever comprehensive rehabilitation is necessary

- Develop protocols for various rehabilitative strategies and maintain prospective data for research and analysis later
- Pre operative assessment of head and neck patients and appropriate counseling regarding anticipated issues with speech and swallowing
- Post operative care of laryngectomized patients including care of tracheoesophageal prosthesis
- Regular follow up of patients with head and neck cancer patients treated with chemoradiation with regards to swallowing issues
- Management of children with speech, language and hearing disabilities following treatment of brain tumours or in patients who have received radiotherapy to the brain
- Assessment of hearing in patients on toxic chemotherapy eg. Cisplatin
- Maintenance of accounts and appropriate documentation of consumables incurred by the unit.
- Assume responsibility and ensure everyday care and regular maintenance of equipment and instruments earmarked for the unit.
- Work with various subspecialties as and when required
- Ensure regular research output and scientific publications from the department.
- Participate in and contribute to academic sessions in the institution.
- Other job related duties as assigned by the consultant from time to time.

**Essential Attributes:**

- Knowledgeable of the principles and practices of communicative disorders including; dysphagia, and other disciplines
- Ability to evaluate, plan and implement therapy including dysphagia rehabilitation program for individual patients
- Ability to explain, demonstrate and teach speech and swallowing rehabilitative measure
- Ability to work effectively with others in an inter-disciplinary team relationship
- Ability to be self-directing and to seek direction and consultation as needed
- Ability to express oneself clearly verbally and in writing.
- Demonstrates competence within the scope of practice including age and condition appropriate considerations.
- Demonstrates personal and professional integrity and interest in growth and learning.
- Employee must demonstrate basic computer skills.

The remuneration will be commensurate with years of experience.

**\*For more details and application forms, please log on to our website today:  
[www.tmckolkata.com](http://www.tmckolkata.com)**

**You may also Email or Post applications by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to:**

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