

Reliable, valid, and standardized: A new method for the  
clinical assessment of dysarthria  
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There are still no psychometrically approved and standardized methods for the clinical assessment of dysarthria. A widely used tool is the Frenchay Dysarthria Assessment, but this test is dominated by examinations of non-speech oral motor functions, it fails to fulfill important psychometric properties, and it lacks standard norms.

We here present a new tool for the clinical assessment of dysarthria which (i) is clinically applicable, (ii) is founded on theoretical considerations and (iii) fulfills psychometric test standards.

The test principles will be described briefly and the psychometric properties will be presented, with a strong focus on test validity and research applications.