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Abstract

Cluttering: The time has come for new understanding

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Cluttering has primarily been described in terms of observable speech characteristics, such as rate, rhythm, clarity, prosody, etc. Reactions to cluttering, and the impact that cluttering might have on a person's life, have not been as thoroughly addressed, in part because people who clutter have generally been presumed to be unaware of their speaking difficulties. Recent explorations have shown this view to be inadequate, however. Self-reports of people who clutter, as well as data collected as part of the development of the OASEC (Overall Assessment of the Speaker's Experience of Cluttering), have revealed that people who clutter may indeed be adversely affected by cluttering. This presentation seeks to encourage clinicians and researchers to broaden their perspective about the experiences of people who clutter so that the full impact of cluttering can be more fully addressed