

*Disprassia Verbale Evolutiva: per un approccio multidisciplinare*

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SUMMARY

If studying speech and language disorders always entails the contribution of different fields of knowledge, this is even more true in the case of a complex disorder such as Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS). Idiopathic CAS is a congenital disorder which, characterized by an early pathological interplay between linguistic and motor function, can heavily affect both language acquisition and motor development. Moreover, CAS is a still underdetermined phenomenon: much remains to be clarified about its (cross-)linguistic, psycho-behavioral, etiological and neurofunctional correlates.

This paper provides a report about the first steps of a multidisciplinary research project on CAS which is currently under development at the IRCCS Fondazione Stella Maris (Pisa, Italy). Particular attention is devoted to the description of the scientific contribution coming from clinical linguistics.