

A journey of communication for people with Motor Neurone Disease

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Compass Assistive and Rehabilitation Technology Service

<https://www.rhn.org.uk/what-makes-us-special/services/compass/>

AAC for MND: best practice for professionals

<https://www.mndassociation.org/professionals/management-of-mnd/aac-for-mnd/>

7C – Speech and communication support

<https://www.mndassociation.org/app/uploads/7C-Speech-and-communication-support-1.pdf>

Voice banking for professionals

<https://www.mndassociation.org/professionals/management-of-mnd/aac-for-mnd/voice-banking/>

7D – Voice banking and message banking

<https://www.mndassociation.org/app/uploads/7D-Voice-banking-2.pdf>

Information sheet voice banking <https://www.mndassociation.org/app/uploads/2019/06/Voice-banking-information.pdf>

Voice banking comparison charts

<https://www.mndassociation.org/app/uploads/2021/01/Voice-banking-services-comparison-charts.pdf>

Free voice banking training – email Richard Cave to find out more

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Communication aids service - Support and information for people living with MND

<https://www.mndassociation.org/support-and-information/our-services/communication-aids-service/>

AAC Pathway for MND

<https://www.mndassociation.org/app/uploads/aac-pathway-v1-0-0715.pdf>

Environmental controls

<https://www.mndassociation.org/app/uploads/2019/09/11E-Environmental-controls-1.pdf>

Advance care planning and advance decisions

<https://www.mndassociation.org/app/uploads/2015/07/EOL9-Advance-care-planning-and-advance-decisions-2018.pdf>

Emotional and psychological support guide

<https://www.mndassociation.org/app/uploads/2020/07/Emotional-and-psychological-support.pdf>

Human Activity Assistive Technology Model (HAAT)

<https://das.org.sg/news-events/blogs/41-edu-tech/82-introduction-to-assistive-technology-at-and-the-haat-model.html>

MND financial support grants

<https://www.mndassociation.org/support-and-information/our-services/financial-support-information-for-people-with-mnd/>

Equipment loan for MND

<https://www.mndassociation.org/support-and-information/our-services/equipment-loan-for-mnd/>

Additional resources

Models:

- HAAT: Cook, A.M., Polgar, J.M. and Encarnacao P. (2020) *Assistive Technology Principles and practice*, 5th Edition
- Light, J. (1989) Toward a definition of communicative competence for individuals using augmentative and alternative communication systems. *Augmentative and Alternative Communication* 5:137-144
- Talking mats: <https://www.talkingmats.com/>
- Means, reasons and opportunities model: Money D. and Thurman S. (2002) Inclusive Communication. *Speech and Language Therapy in Practice*.

Free AAC resources:

- Charts-letter and picture:
- <https://www.patientprovidercommunication.org/covid-19-tools/free-english-tools/>
- <https://acecentre.org.uk/resources/>
- Pictures only: Bungalow:
https://www.bungalowsoftware.com/blog/a/aphasia/communication-board/?fbclid=IwAR2LSChef2eBOMWw9yeE3E8NJ6lmg6dh3tGf_7WIPpU-bFcgtkA9cbMFmRU
- Widgit: Has loads of medical related pictures and ones for hospital
- <http://widgit-health.com/downloads/for-professionals.htm>
- Scanning book: <https://www.childrenshospital.org/centers-and-services/programs/a--e/als-augmentative-communication-program/protocol-of-assessment-considerations/quick-access-and-low-tech-tools>
- Speak book: <https://acecentre.org.uk/project/speakbook/>
- Scan AEyeOU: <https://amyandpals.com/communication-boards/>

Charts in other languages:

- Patient-Provider website- 16 different languages on the charts- Yes/no, Pain, Basic needs: <https://www.patientprovidercommunication.org/covid-19-tools/supporting-communication-with-patients-who-have-covid-19/>
- Widgit-different language charts- bedside messages, hospital flashcards, A and E passport - 28 languages : <https://widgit-health.com/downloads/bedside-messages.htm>
- <http://www.culturaldiversity.com.au/service-providers/multilingual-resources/communication-cards>

Videos to help you/AAC users to learn low tech strategies

- Barnsley AAC service: https://www.barnsleyhospital.nhs.uk/assistive-technology/resources-and-information/?resource_type=HowTo%20Video&page=2
- Compass: <https://www.rhn.org.uk/what-makes-us-special/services/compass/>
- Free AAC Software for Professionals: https://www.mytobiidynavox.com/?dm_i=40VR,1AK9O,6EY3D3,4O8YW,1&dm_i=40VR,1AK9O,6EY3D3,4O8YW,1#/