

Pathways Society  
ASHA 2004 Minutes

The first meeting of the Pathways Society was held during the ASHA convention on November 18, 2004. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting. Frank Musiek began by explaining the purpose of these meetings. The plan is to have informal, apolitical, interactive meetings among those interested in areas of auditory processing. They will allow us to network with others and provide a basis for news and events about the topic, and to provide an opportunity to ask questions and exchange ideas and information.

Bob Fifer lead the discussion after Frank posed the question "Why can't we get better reimbursement for APD testing?" Bob explained the history of the APD CPT codes, how a code gets to be a code, and the proper use of the new codes to begin on January 2005, which are 92620 for the first hour of the evaluation, and 92621, for additional time in increments of 15 minutes.[We have a ways to go but we are moving in the right direction !]

Terry Bellis reported that she has a grant which will allow us to look at outcome measures for APD. She needs a large number of cases to properly look at the correlations in the data. She will be sending information to this group regarding this project.

Finally, a discussion was held among the attendees discussing the common test batteries used in a variety of clinical settings. Evoked potentials (MLR), SSW, Digits, patterns, GIN and the SCAN were all discussed in the formulation of test batteries.

Our next meeting will be in April 2005 as part of the AAA meeting. Stay tuned for additional information.