GRBAS Scale Auditory-Perceptual Evaluation

Scoring: 1 Mild, 2 Moderate, 3 Severe
Grade of Dysphonia (hoarseness): 1 2 3
Roughness: 1 2 3
Breathiness: 1 2 3
Asthenia (Weakness): 1 2 3
Strain: 1 2 3

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Maximum Phonation Time

Have the client sustain the phonation of "ah" with a timer. Complete 3 trials

Trial 1 _____ Trial 2 _____ Trial 3 _____ Average Phonation: _____

Females WNL: 15-25 seconds Males WNL: 25-35

Maslan J, Leng X, Rees C, Blalock D, Butler SG. Maximum phonation time in healthy older adults. J Voice. 2011 Nov;25(6):709-13. doi: 10.1016/j.jvoice.2010.10.002. Epub 2011 Mar 25. PMID: 21439778; PMCID: PMC3128209.

S/Z Ratio

Have the client sustain productions of "s" and "z" for as long as possible. Complete 3 trials

S: Trial 1 _____ Trial 2 _____ Trial 3 _____ Average _____

Z: Trial 1 _____ Trial 2 _____ Trial 3 _____ Average _____

Now divide s by z S: ____ / Z: ____=____

Score above 1.4 indicates vocal dysfunction

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