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Ongoing Projects

- Documenting outcomes of computerized cognitive interventions for adults with dementia and mild cognitive impairment
- Investigating cultural and linguistic barriers to accessing SLP services
- Studying text reading speed and reading comprehension in persons with dementia.

Funding

- Alzheimer's Association (2006-2010)
- American Speech Language Hearing Association (2007-2009)

Currently Participating Sites

- Masonic Home for Adults-Union City
- Aegis Living of Fremont
- Fremont Vista
- Ralph & Mary Rugierri Senior Center, Union City

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Recent Publications (names in red are student authors)

In Press

Mahendra, N. (In Press, 2009). An adult with dementia of the Alzheimer type: A roadmap for screening, assessment, and cognitive-linguistic interventions.

In Process

Mahendra, N., **Chandregowda, A.**, **Schoneman, K.**, Watnik, M. Text reading speed and comprehension in healthy older adults and persons with dementia.

Recent Presentations (names in red are student authors)

Mahendra, N., **Engineer, N.**, **Carroll, S.** (2008). Computerized visually-presented story recall tasks: Effects on performance in dementia. Poster presentation, 2008 Annual ASHA Convention, Chicago.

Poster presentations at the 2009 International Neuropsychological Society Meeting, Atlanta

Mahendra, N., **Schoneman, K.** (2009). Hearing screenings for older adults with and without dementia: Outcomes and clinical implications.

Mahendra, N., **Chandregowda, A.** (2009). Text reading speed and comprehension in healthy older adults and persons with dementia

FORTHCOMING PROJECTS

- Comparison of performance of persons with dementia on immediate and delayed recall of routes and stories
- Effects of vascular dementia (VaD) on linguistic communication

