

Pragmatic language disorder and the APACS test

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Difficulties in what we now call *pragmatics* have been reported since the first half of the 20th century, but it is only recently that people started to use a pragmatic lens to describe breakdowns in communicative skills. In this talk I will introduce the notion of pragmatic language disorders starting from its linguistic features and its neurocognitive basis. Then, I will discuss novel assessment tools, in particular the Assessment of Pragmatic Abilities and Cognitive Substrates (APACS) test, as well as novel treatment programs, in particular the Pragmatics of Communication (PragmaCom) program. Different clinical groups will be considered, from neurological conditions to mental illness.

