

Decision making tree for children with speech sound disorder (SSD)

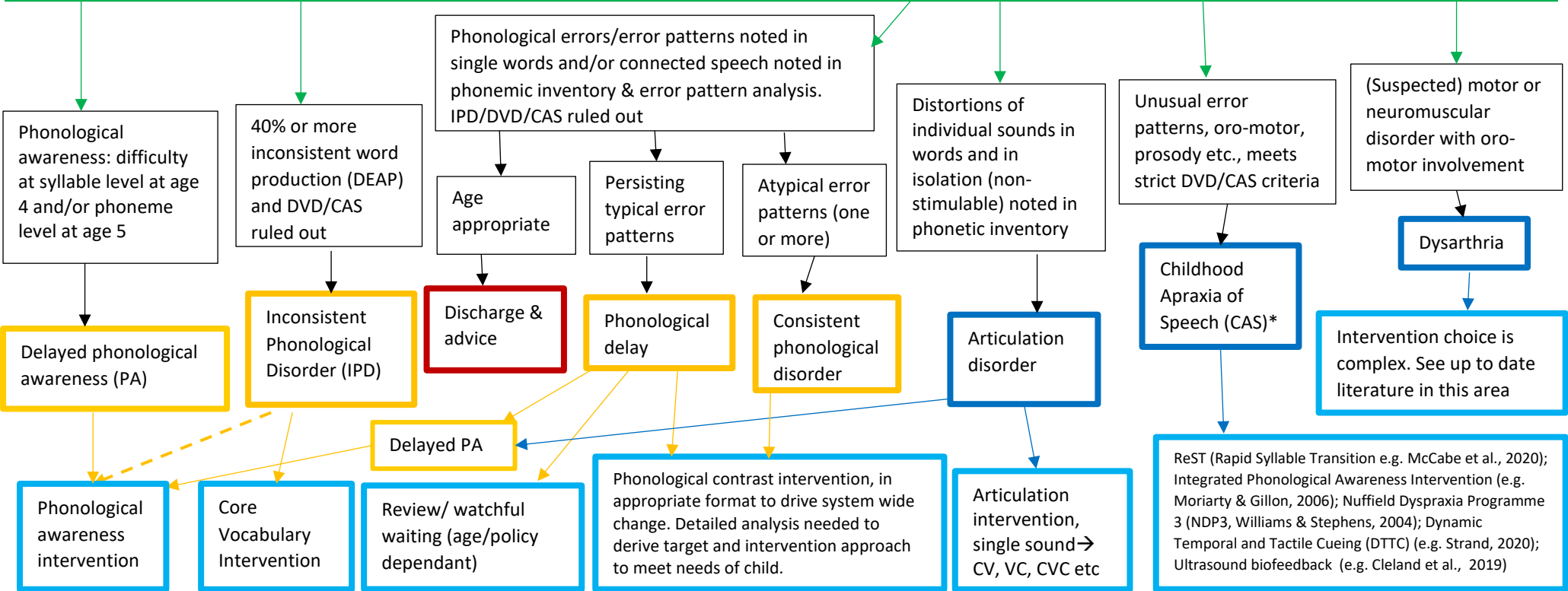
Child presents with speech that has reduced intelligibility. Parents/teachers concerned; no associated medical conditions e.g. CP; Cleft Lip and/or Palate

Diagnoses that can co-occur:
 Delayed phonological awareness **AND/OR** Articulation disorder **AND** Phonological delay **OR** Consistent phonological disorder **OR** Inconsistent phonological disorder. In rare cases: Dysarthria **AND** CAS e.g. Worster Drought

Assessment: single words; connected speech; oro-motor; articulation/stimulability; phonetic & phonemic inventory; phonological processes; phonological awareness (syllable and phoneme level); inconsistency (multiple productions of same word).

Overarching diagnostic term: Speech Sound Disorder

SSD of unknown origin (NB for some subtypes this may change to as new genetic evidence emerges)



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