

**Table 1: PHYSICIAN'S CHECKLIST FOR REFERRAL**

	<b>The Child With NORMAL DISFLUENCIES</b> Age of Onset: 1½ to 7 years of age	<b>The Child With MILD STUTTERING</b> Age of Onset: 1½ to 7 years of age	<b>The Child With SEVERE STUTTERING</b> Age of Onset: 1½ to 7 years of age
<b>Speech behavior you may see or hear:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional (not more than once in every 10 sentences), brief, (typical ½ second or shorter) repetitions of sounds, syllables or short words, e.g., li-li-like this.	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequent (3% or more of speech), long (½ to 1 second) repetitions of sounds, syllables, or short words, e.g., li-li-like this. Occasional prolongations of sounds.	<input type="checkbox"/> Very frequent (10% or more of speech), and often very long (1 second or longer) repetitions of sounds, syllables or short words. Frequent sound prolongations and blockages.
<b>Other behavior you may see or hear:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional pauses, hesitations in speech or fillers such as “uh,” “er,” or “um,” changing of words or thoughts.	<input type="checkbox"/> Repetitions and prolongations begin to be associated with eyelid closing and blinking, looking to the side, and some physical tension in and around the lips.	<input type="checkbox"/> Similar to mild stutterers only more frequent and noticeable; some rise in pitch of voice during stuttering. Extra sounds or words used as “starters.”
<b>When problems most noticeable:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tends to come and go when child is: tired, excited, talking about complex/new topics, asking or answering questions or talking to unresponsive listeners.	<input type="checkbox"/> Tends to come and go in similar situations, but is more often present than absent.	<input type="checkbox"/> Tends to be present in most speaking situations; far more consistent and non-fluctuating.
<b>Child reaction:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> None apparent	<input type="checkbox"/> Some show little concern, some will be frustrated and embarrassed.	<input type="checkbox"/> Most are embarrassed and some are also fearful of speaking.
<b>Parent reaction:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> None to a great deal	<input type="checkbox"/> Most concerned, but concern may be minimal.	<input type="checkbox"/> All have some degree of concern.
<b>Referral decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Refer only if parents moderately to overly concerned.	<input type="checkbox"/> Refer if continues for 6 to 8 weeks or if parental concern justifies it.	<input type="checkbox"/> Refer as soon as possible.