

Dysphagia and Adults with Intellectual Disability: A Lifelong Perspective

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

10:00 AM -12:00 PM (EST)

Agenda

10:00 – 10:15: Brief history of ID care in the U.S.

10:15 – 10:45: Overview of cause and impacts of dysphagia in those with ID

10:45 – 11:15: Identify assessment elements that target swallowing function in adults with ID

11:00 – 11:30: Develop appropriate dysphagia management plans for adults with ID

11:30 – 11:45: Putting it all together: The Case of Mr. Jones

11:45-12:00-Q&A



Featured Speaker: *Melissa Farrow, MS, CCC-SLP; BCS-S is a Speech-Language Pathologist with expertise in the management of disordered swallowing in medically complex populations. Melissa earned her master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Duquesne University in 2012 and since then, her passion for helping patients with swallowing problems has been the driving force of her career. Melissa is board certified as a Swallowing Specialist by the American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders, holds certification as a Modified Barium Swallow Impairment Profile (MBSImP[®]) clinician, and has earned six consecutive ASHA ACE awards for her exceptional commitment to continuing education in dysphagia. Currently, Melissa works as a Speech-Language Pathologist for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, where she serves as Chair of the Physical-Nutritional Management Team in caring for those with intellectual disabilities (ID) and complex medical conditions. She also conducts research in the areas of ID and oral care and clinical practice patterns for dysphagia in those with ID.*

Abstract:

Adults with intellectual disability are at risk for dysphagia. The unique swallowing, feeding, and behavioral challenges experienced in this population must be considered when assessing and treating these patients. This presentation will discuss the nature of dysphagia management in adults with intellectual disability by exploring the current evidence in this area as it relates to the clinical practice of speech pathologists who assess and treat swallowing disorders in this population.

Learner Objectives:

Participants will be able to...

- Describe the impacts of dysphagia in people with ID.
- Identify the body systems that should be considered in the assessment and treatment of dysphagia in those with ID.
- Summarize the physical-nutritional needs of those with ID as they age.
- Describe the interdisciplinary team collaborations needed for dysphagia and ID.

Registration:

- This is a WEBINAR only event via Zoom. Link will be emailed to each registrant.
- Register online by October 16, 2021: www.duq.edu/slpworkshop
- Registration is FREE.
- Registration policy: Each attendee must register separately.
- For more information contact Lori Marra: email: marral@duq.edu or call: 412-396-1584

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Speech-language pathologists treating adults with swallowing disorders.

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