Complex Cases in Adult Dysphagia: Special Populations

INTRODUCTION

This course includes four recorded sessions from the 2015 online conference “Complex Cases in Adult Dysphagia.” These sessions focus on assessment and treatment of dysphagia in medically complex patient populations, including individuals with developmental disabilities, people with severe blast-related traumatic brain injury and polytrauma, and patients who have undergone radiotherapy for head and neck cancer. The conference included a total of 12 sessions, with the broad goal of giving SLPs evidence-based skills to manage tough cases, develop clinical intuition, and determine the most appropriate plan for a patient’s individual condition.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:
- Identify the complex clinical signs and symptoms of dysphagia that have high prevalence in adults with developmental disabilities
- Describe the essential elements of thorough oral-facial sensorimotor examinations
- Describe the impact of severe blast-related traumatic brain injury and polytrauma on assessment, management, and prognosis of dysphagia
- Identify the types of voice, speech, and swallowing impairments and their impacts on quality of life after radiotherapy for head and neck cancer

CONTENTS

- Managing Chronic Dysphagia in Adults With Developmental Disabilities, by Justine Joan Sheppard (78 min.)
- Essential Elements of a Clinical Evaluation, by James L. Coyle (79 min.)
- Clinical Decision Making in Severe Blast Injury and Polytrauma Patients With Dysphagia, by Kathryn Kieffer and Linda M. Picon (79 min.)
- Long-Term Effects of Chemoradiotherapy on Swallowing in Head and Neck Cancer Patients, by Cathy Lazarus (157 min.)

PROGRAM HISTORY AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Online conference dates: March 18–30, 2015; December 2–14, 2015
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