Elements of a Comprehensive Clinical Dysphagia Evaluation

INTRODUCTION

SLPs face the challenge of collecting and sifting through the vast amount of information about every client to ensure they are conducting an appropriate and comprehensive evaluation of a patient with a suspected swallowing disorder. This course describes the elements of a complete clinical dysphagia evaluation – from consultation to instrumental exam – so clinicians can determine the appropriate evaluation tools for the individual patient. The course will cover the key points to address in a consultation, how to discern the salient parts of a medical record, how to conduct an informative interview with the patient or caregiver, how to determine what tests and tools to employ in the clinical examination – and how to conduct it – and when to employ instrumentation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
You will be able to:

- identify decision making junctions during the history-taking session that trigger additional questions and actions
- list the salient entries in the medical record that reveal function and dysfunction
- identify clinical findings that necessitate further instrumental assessment
- compare and contrast the advantages and disadvantages of laryngoscopy vs. videofluoroscopy as an instrumental assessment

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