Clinical Swallowing Examination of Adults With Dysphagia: Anatomy and Physiology Series

INTRODUCTION

Oral-facial sensorimotor examination is a key component of the clinical swallowing examination, revealing swallowing impairments that should be investigated through instrumental assessment. Refresh your knowledge of the anatomy and physiology of adult oropharyngeal swallowing mechanisms as a foundation for understanding normal and abnormal swallowing function. This web workshop includes recorded lectures, interactive exercises, video clips, additional resources, and an exam.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:

- identify sensorimotor structures innervated by the six cranial nerves, and respiratory musculature that are critical to oropharyngeal swallowing function and speech production
- identify the actions of sensorimotor structures critical to oropharyngeal swallowing function and speech production
- identify clinical tactics that elicit sensorimotor activity reflecting normal and abnormal function
- choose an appropriate instrumental investigation path based on results of the clinical swallowing exam

EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

It is the position of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association that audiologists and speech-language pathologists incorporate the principles of evidence-based practice in clinical decision making to provide high-quality clinical care. The term evidence-based practice refers to an approach in which current, high-quality research evidence is integrated with practitioner expertise and client preferences and values into the process of making clinical decisions.

Participants are encouraged to actively seek and critically evaluate the evidence basis for clinical procedures presented in this and other educational programs.

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PROGRAM HISTORY and IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Original program start date:** April 19, 2010  
**Peer reviewed:** February 23, 2013; January 8, 2016  
**Available through:** January 8, 2019

To earn continuing education credit, you must complete the test with a passing score on or before **January 8, 2019**.

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