Dysphagia Management for Medically Complex Patients in Acute Care

INTRODUCTION

Dysphagia may be caused by many underlying medical etiologies, and the hospital-based SLP must navigate a comprehensive world of medical diagnoses and be prepared to accurately evaluate and plan dysphagia treatment. This session presents a model for using medical chart review, online resources, swallow mechanism knowledge, and cultivated diagnostic and treatment skills to approach dysphagia in patients with any medical diagnosis.

This course is a recorded session from the 2021 online conference “Maximizing Outcomes for Medically Complex Patients of All Ages.”

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:

- list three aspects of the human neurologic system that may be affected in the acute stages of disease and the swallow mechanism examination signs to watch for
- identify one indicator each for potential or contraindication for dysphagia treatment in acute neurologic disease when planning intervention
- list at least three factors identified by clinical swallow evaluation that may indicate a need for instrumental assessment for treatment planning

PROGRAM HISTORY and IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Recording length: 71 minutes
Online conference dates: March 17–29, 2021; August 4–16, 2021
End date: March 17, 2026

To earn continuing education credit, you must complete the learning assessment on or before March 17, 2026.

This course is offered for 0.1 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area).