Head and Neck Cancer Diagnosis

INTRODUCTION

Head and neck cancer diagnosis is a complex, multifaceted, interdisciplinary, and time-sensitive process in which SLPs are very involved from beginning to end. This session explores clinical pathways to guide the SLP and other members of the multidisciplinary team – including, most importantly, the patient – through the diagnosis and evaluation process. The session discusses the SLP’s roles in evaluating, managing, educating, and counseling patients on speech, voice, and swallowing difficulties that may arise from the tumor and from cancer treatment toxicities.

This course is a recorded session from the 2019 online conference “Cancer Care: Enhancing Communication, Swallowing, and Quality of Life.”

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:

- explain the diagnostic process in head and neck cancer patients
- discuss diagnostic options for speech and swallowing prior to surgical and nonsurgical treatments
- describe clinical pathways to guide the head and neck cancer patient during the evaluation process

PROGRAM HISTORY and IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Recording length: 74 minutes
Online conference dates: March 20–April 1, 2019; August 7–19, 2019
End date: March 20, 2024

To earn continuing education credit, you must complete the learning assessment on or before March 20, 2024.

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