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Katherine (Kittie) Verdolini Abbott, PhD, CCC-SLP, is a professor in Communications Sciences & Disorders at the University of Delaware, with a focus on voice and voice disorders. Her interests stem from her history as a vocal performer, singer, and actor. Her essential work has involved research in hydration, biomechanics, physiology, and emotions in voice. Her research interests have spanned professional and other adult voice users and, more recently, pediatric voice. Work in her voice lab has been supported by funding from the National Institutes of Health since 1997.

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Hagar Feinstein, BA, is licensed as an SLP by the Israeli Ministry of Health. Currently, she is a PhD student in Communication Sciences & Disorders at the University of Delaware. Her doctoral adviser is Katherine Verdolini Abbott. She is interested in pediatric voice and, specifically, voice as a major component of communication. Her main interest is in the connection between language and cognitive development and voice, and the effect of these factors on voice disorders and voice treatment in young children. In addition to treating children with voice disorders, Feinstein has also treated children with different types of developmental difficulties, including language impairments, childhood apraxia of speech, speech disorders, stuttering, and autism spectrum disorder. She is dedicated to the proposition that as clinicians we should treat based on cutting-edge knowledge, and she aspires to contribute to the evolution of pediatric voice treatment to help children and their families.

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