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Catherine Turk, PhD, CCC-SLP, is a speech-language pathologist at Texas Children’s Hospital Medical Center with over 25 years of clinical experience. Her primary focus is on pediatric feeding and swallowing with expertise in treating medically complex patients. Turk performs videofluoroscopic swallow studies and clinical swallow-feeding evaluations on pediatric patients with dysphagia. In addition, she provides swallowing-feeding therapy to children of all ages (infants-young adults) with a variety of medical diagnoses. She is a member of the Aerodigestive Team that offers multidisciplinary and comprehensive management to children with complex airway and digestive tract disorders. Turk is committed to mentoring newly hired speech-language pathologists across the Texas Children’s Hospital system in pediatric dysphagia with emphasis on achieving competency on videofluoroscopic swallow studies. She also serves as an adjunct faculty member at The University of Houston Department of Communications Disorders where she lectures to graduate students on pediatric dysphagia.

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Christina Rappazzo, MA, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, has been privileged to service children and families at Texas Children’s Hospital for over 15 years. Rappazzo’s clinical experience has ranged from treating children with various communication disorders to ultimately finding a primary focus in pediatric feeding-swallowing. She has obtained extensive training in caring for children with medically complex backgrounds including tracheostomy/ventilator-dependent patients and children with rare genetic disorders. She is trained in administering videofluoroscopic and fiberoptic swallowing exams. Rappazzo is a member of the Aerodigestive Team, Tracheostomy Team, and Head and Neck Tumor Program, and collaborated with otolaryngology to form the Swallowing Disorders Clinic. She has serviced children in a variety of medical settings including outpatient, intensive care units, and the neonatal intensive care unit. Rappazzo is board-certified in swallowing disorders by the American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders.

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