
Dysphagia & Auditory Matters in Geriatric Speech-Language Pathology

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INTRODUCTION

One dysphagia article is contained within, which contains significant emphasis on person-centered care and quality of life for the person with a swallowing disorder. Fazakerly and Nativ aim to assess the utility of thickened liquids for patients with oropharyngeal dysphagia. The authors feel that thickening of liquids may pose serious implications and potential consequences that should not be discounted, and they posit that careful patient selection is recommended as well as balancing both a patient's physical welfare and quality of life. Two auditory articles are also contained within, both with significant emphasis on the intersection of cognition and hearing impairment. Gottschalk and Olson examine the importance of audiologists' familiarity with cognitive impairment and cognitive screening practices so that they can assist in identifying cognitive impairment when assessing and treating hearing impairment. Gurevich et al. look at the reverse of the former article: the importance of hearing screenings for individuals who are diagnosed with dementia.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:

- assess the appropriateness of the use of thickened liquids to treat oropharyngeal dysphagia
- integrate the caregiver connection into person centered care for persons with swallowing disorders
- identify appropriate cognitive screening tools for use in audiology practices

CONTENTS

The Geriatric Swallow: Through Thick and Thin by Amanda Fazakerly and Nogah Nativ

Cognition and Cognitive Screeners in Audiological Management by Karah Gottschalk and Anne Olson

Recommending Hearing Assessment for Individuals With Dementia: A Survey of Medical Professionals by Naomi Gurevich, Heidi Ramrattan, Mary Kubalanza, Danielle R. Osmelak, and Jenna Boese

PROGRAM HISTORY and IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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