About the Presenter:

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Disclosures

Financial: Ms. Huffman is a salaried employee of UNC Rex Hospital in Raleigh. She teaches her course as a sole proprietor. She serves on the Advisory Board for Carolina Speech Pathology, LLC.

Non-financial: Ms. Huffman serves on the Board of Directors for the Triangle Aphasia Project (volunteer).
Course Description

This webinar will be a 2 hour online course using Go To Webinar.

At this time, there is not a plan to offer the recorded class at a later date.

This live, two-hour webinar is a “crash course” on esophageal dysphagia for the SLP. The clinician gains imperative knowledge on the interrelationship between the oropharynx and the esophagus. Primary esophageal disorders are highlighted. Differential diagnosis regarding primary oropharyngeal vs esophageal dysphagia will be discussed. Learn clinical and endoscopic signs and symptoms consistent with esophageal dysphagia and laryngopharyngeal reflux (LPR) on FEES. The implementation of the esophageal sweep and making recommendations is a primary focus in review of case studies.

Course objectives

1. Define the relationship between the oropharynx and the esophagus
2. Define the main esophageal disorders with symptomatic complaint of dysphagia
3. Describe and analyze esophageal abnormalities during the MBS esophageal sweep
4. Demonstrate knowledge of key identifiers of esophageal dysfunction on FEES

Course Schedule

**Webinar agenda:**

10:00- 10:10: Introduction to esophageal dysphagia and importance of the role of the SLP

10:10-10:25: Oropharyngeal and esophageal interrelationship- review of the literature

10:25-10:40: Overview of the anatomy and physiology of the esophagus

10:40- 11:00: Disorders of the esophagus

11:00- 11:30: Case studies, esophageal sweep, SLP interpretation and recommendations

11:30- 11:45: Esophageal dysphagia and FEES

11:45-12:00: Participant questions and answers

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