

# "Demystifying the ENT and SLP Perspective in Dysphagia Management"

## Wednesday, October 8th, 2025

Via Zoom: Virtual Room Opens at 5:15 pm, Conference from 5:30-8:30 pm CST

#### Overview:

Join us for an engaging and informative evening as we dive into the latest insights in dysphagia and laryngology care! The conference kicks off with a dynamic ENT-focused look at dysphagia, highlighting the powerful role of FEES in clinical decision-making, techniques for identifying vocal fold pathologies, and practical approaches to managing swallowing disorders across inpatient and outpatient settings. We'll then unravel "Laryngology's Bermuda Triangle," equipping clinicians with a clear framework to tackle laryngeal hypersensitivity, address persistent physical symptoms, and navigate some of the field's most challenging diagnoses with confidence. The night wraps up with a deep dive into the world of thickened liquids — exploring their properties, impact on swallowing physiology, and evidence-based pros and cons — all brought to life through real-world case studies that bridge theory and practice. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your clinical expertise and elevate patient care!

#### **Presenters:**

**Molly Huston, MD** is a native St. Louisan. She attended Duke university, majoring in psychology, and then pursued medical school at the University of Chicago. She completed her residency training in otolaryngology at University of California-San Francisco and then completed a fellowship in laryngology at the University of Washington. At WashUMed, she is the division director for Laryngology. She serves as a surgical liaison for Barnes Jewish Hospital, helping oversee the Peer Advocate program, and is a coach in the Medical School.

Molly has no relevant financial or non-financial disclosures.

Andrea Vaughan, M.S., CCC-SLP, BCS-S is a licensed speech-language pathologist with extensive experience in medical facilities. She is a board-certified specialist in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders and is employed at Saint Louis University as an Associate Clinical Professor and Director of Clinical Education in the Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences department. She teaches multiple academic medical speech-language pathology courses and clinically trains graduate students in the evaluation and treatment of acquired swallowing and communication disorders. She has specific experience treating patients with Parkinson's disease, dementia, stroke, head and neck cancer, and older adults as well as preterm and drug exposed infants.

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### **Learner Objectives:**

- 1. Explain the impact FEES recommendations have upon clinical care
- 2. Differentiate between often encountered vocal fold pathologies on FEES
- 3. Describe a general medical approach to management of dysphagia, both on an inpatient and outpatient basis.
- 4. Describe the basic framework of laryngeal hypersensitivity and treating patients with persistent physical symptoms
- 5. Identify two impacts of thickened liquids on normal swallow physiology
- 6. Develop a balanced view and discuss the evidence behind thickened liquids in dysphagia management

Participants will need to complete the course in full, the learning assessment, and the program assessment form for satisfactory completion.

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