Addressing Pediatric Feeding & Swallowing Issues in the Home

This course will discuss intervention strategies used in the Home Care setting to address feeding and swallowing issues of medically fragile pediatric patients. The course will also look at the benefits and barriers presented by the home setting and provide insight into the resolution of, adaptation to or navigation around those barriers.

Leandre Gerwin, MA, CCC-SLP

Leandre Gerwin was awarded a Master of Arts degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from the University of Cincinnati. She began her career at Cincinnati Childrens Hospital Medical Center 25 years ago providing speech/language and feeding evaluations and treatment for medically fragile children in the Home Care setting. She is a certified SOFFI professional (Supporting Oral Feeding in Fragile Infants) and currently holds competencies in medically complex pediatric dysphagia, birth to 3, brain injury, AAC and hospice care at her location of practice. She has been the Home Care Speech Clinical Coordinator at CCHMC for the last 7 years. Leandre has presented at ASHA and for Speech Pathology.com along with many local, professional opportunities on the topics of Speech/Feeding evaluation and treatment of the pediatric patient in the home, AAC and the SLP’s role in Pediatric Hospice care.

Disclosures:
Financial – Leandre Gerwin is employed by Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center and receives a salary. She also received a speaking fee from the AB-SSD for this presentation.
Non-financial – No relevant disclosures exist.

Learning Objectives:

- List 2 potential barriers to successful oral feeding therapy that are present in the home environment.
- Discuss 2 benefits of conducting feeding therapy in the home environment.
- Identify 3 ways to nurture caregiver/child bonding during meals.

Agenda:
Home Care practice and patient population – 15 minutes
What is the goal of feeding therapy in the home – 15 minutes
Case discussions – 15 minutes
Take-aways – 15 minutes