Special #ASHA2024 Edition

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TOP NEWS

The 2024 ASHA Convention will be in Seattle, Washington, starting December 5.
https://convention.asha.org/About-the-Convention/

The theme for the annual convention is **Elevate: A Call to Advance Research and Practice in the Profession**. As AB-SSD's mission is to advance the care of individuals with feeding and swallowing disorders, across the lifespan, we thank those at ASHA who are sharing their research and best practice. We congratulate board certified (BCS-S) affiliates and other SLPs who have dedicated their careers to the field of dysphagia. Please read on to see who will be recognized and receive awards.

We are also grateful for all the sessions offered in pediatric feeding and swallowing, adult swallowing, and head and neck cancer issues. https://convention.asha.org/topic-areas/ There are 18 invited sessions in those topic areas. You will find sessions to explore in related topic areas, such as: voice and upper airway, health literacy, global issues and practices, equity/inclusion/cultural-linguistic diversity, counseling/trauma-informed/contextualized care, supervision and precepting, and more! Have a great ASHA!



LOOK OUT FOR OUR TABLE!

Come Visit us at #ASHA2024

Visit the Specialty Board Certification booth #2722
Thursday, December 5 to Saturday, December 7

12/5: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
12/6 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
12/7 9:00-1:00 p.m.



At the 2024 ASHA Convention, Honors and Fellowship of the Association will be awarded to the following individuals:

Nicole Rogus-Pulia
Ph.D., CCC-SLP, F-ASHA
Fellowship of Association

Memorie Gosa
Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BCS-S, F-ASHA
Fellowship of Association

Samantha Shune
Ph.D., CCC-SLP, F-ASHA
Fellowship of Association

Sonja Molfenter
Ph.D., CCC-SLP, F-ASHA
Fellowship of Association

Luis F. Riquleme
Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BCS-S, F-ASHA,
Honors

Catriona M. Steele
Ph.D., CCC-SLP F-ASHA
Honors

OUTSTANDING AB-SSD BOARD CERTIFICATION APPLICANT AWARDEE

Congratulations to the **2024 Diana Bracco Outstanding Applicant Awardee:**
Valentina Mocchetti MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S!



Each year since 2013, the recipient of this prestigious award is selected by the Executive Committee of the American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders (AB-SSD), as well as the Applicant Committee. Bracco Diagnostics sponsors this award via an unrestricted grant and covers not only the initial applicant fee, but also up to six renewal fees.

Valentina is a speech-language pathologist at the Sean Parker Institute for the Voice in the Department of Otolaryngology- Head and Neck Surgery at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City. After graduating from Teacher's College, Columbia University, Valentina completed her clinical fellowship at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Voice and Swallow Clinics. She has worked in both inpatient acute care and outpatient hospital settings with adults with swallowing and communication impairments. She has specialized in the evaluation and rehabilitation of swallowing disorders in adults across a diverse range of complex medical diagnoses and has advanced training in instrumental swallowing assessments including video fluoroscopic swallowing study/modified barium swallow study (VFSS /MBS), flexible endoscopic evaluation of swallowing (FEES) and high-resolution pharyngeal manometry (HRPM). She has presented clinical and research-related work at both national and international levels and is active in a variety of research projects at the Sean Parker Institute for the Voice. Valentina is committed to delivering personalized care using evidence-based methods, with the goal of improving patient experience and enhancing quality of life.

AB-SSD RECOGNITION AWARDS

2024 recipients of the AB-SSD Excellence in Clinical Research Recognition
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AB-SSD congratulates the following recipients:

Pediatric Winner

Juliet Ochura

"Social Determinants of Health and Caregiver Level of Worry in Patients with Pediatric Feeding Disorders"

Adult Winner

Dr. Veena Kallambettu

"Are thickened liquids DIGEST-able? Yes, they are!"

Pediatric Honorable Mention

Abigail Spoden

"Characteristics of 'Typical' Preterm Infant Swallow Physiology"

Adult Honorable Mention

Dr. Lisa M Evangelista

"Functional laryngectomy for end-stage dysphagia in the setting of late-radiation toxicity"



SWALLOW SYMPOSIUM

Have you heard about The Swallow Symposium? This event (formerly known as “Meet the Masters”) will be held on the evening before the #ASHAConvention2024 – Wednesday, December 4 th,2024 in the Hyatt Regency Seattle, Room: Regency AB/Floor Plan Level 7. This year, the event has been expanded to include TWO offerings!

Both are COMPLEMENTARY and ASHA CEUs will be available.

2:30-4:30 PM: “Advocating for Solutions in Dysphagia Care: The Swallowing Shark Tank Workshop” an innovative opportunity for clinicians to sharpen their advocacy skills and put them to the test in front of The Sharks – a.k.a. an expert panel of Yvette M. McCoy, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, Jennifer Kizner CsCD, M.ED, CCC/SLP, BCS-S, Mario A. Landera, SLP.D., CCC-SLP, BCS-S, and Julian Bergen Smith, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, CLC.





5:00-7:00 PM: “Innovations in Fluoroscopy”

focuses on innovative approaches for SLPs to promote and implement VFSS in their facilities, updates and innovations in the implementation of VFSS measurement including BaByVFSSImp and DIGEST, and discussions on key considerations for VFSS innovation in addressing health disparities.

Attendees may register for either event or both, and do not need to be attending the ASHA Convention. More information and registration is available at: https://www.theswallowsymposium.com/ Please note, if registering for both-they are TWO separate registrations! If you will not be in Seattle, these recordings will be available in the future on AB-SSD SwallowingDisorders.org under Bracco CEUs (https://www.swallowingdisorders.org/page/braccoce).

However, don't miss this amazing live event!
Make sure to share about it using hashtags: #TheSwallowSymposium #TSS #ASHA2024

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https://www.swallowingdisorders.org/page/courses
https://www.swallowingdisorders.org/page/braccoce



SUMMER SERIES ON DEMAND-STILL AVAILABLE

The 2024 Summer Series is available -- Register for on-demand recordings, 5 hours of advanced CEUs.

Only $35 dollars, with discounts to affiliates with their BCS-S.





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OTHER AB-SSD ON-DEMAND CE COURSES











