

June 2024 Edition

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We are celebrating and honoring dysphagia awareness month, which is all of June.

This was declared after a bipartisan statute was passed in 2008 by Congress.

Thank you for your work and your sharing this month.



MEET KEVIN MOSS - AB-SSD CONSUMER STORY

Meet Kevin Moss, someone that was forever changed by the experience of a swallowing specialist.

“Just over 2 years ago my life changed forever. On a sunny cold Sunday morning on the 27th of February 2022, I had a stroke. I had my stroke playing disc golf; luckily I had 2 great friends with me who helped save my life by calling 911...

On July 20th I underwent a 6+ hour surgery to swallow again, with the first two hours me being awake so she could set my voice... At the end of the first session I was sipping water and thickened apple juice, by the 3rd session I was eating soft fruits, and at the end of the second week I was eating soft meats like meatballs.

I may never be the same as I was before, but I will never take my life for granted anymore



[READ THE FULL STORY HERE!](#)

SUMMER SERIES 2024 REMINDER!

Make sure you mark your calendars this year for the pediatric and the adult summer series, they are offered virtually for your convenience and will be turned to on-demand recordings after the event so you can either go back and review or to watch at your time! Please join us and the amazing speakers that are bringing their expertise to the table.

SUMMER SERIES DETAILS!

A vibrant beach-themed graphic for the AB-SSD 2024 Summer Series. The background features a blue sky with yellow suns, white clouds, and a blue ocean with green waves. In the foreground, there's a sandy beach with a pink seashell, a beach umbrella, and two watermelon characters. The text is in various colors and fonts, including blue, white, and yellow.

AB-SSD 2024 Presents
Summer Series
Registration Open
On-demand Summer Series now open for
registration & viewing.
Adult Live Q&A: July 11th at 7pm Central
Pediatric Live Q&A: July 18th at 7pm Central

\$35
each

See On-Demand Courses on website:
<https://www.swallowingdisorders.org/page/courses>
or
GO TO: [SWALLOWINGDISORDERS.ORG](https://www.swallowingdisorders.org) -->
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American Board of Swallowing
and Swallowing Disorders

**Both Pediatric and
Adult Series Available!**

**Join us for a great time
full of specialists in the
AB-SSD world**

**We are so excited for
you to join us at this
summer showcase of
knowledge!**

**** Registration is Open for AB-SSD Summer Series. See images for more info on Pediatric Dysphagia & Adult Dysphagia Summer Series. Only \$35 each for multiple On-Demand recorded webinars available now & Live Q&As in July.**

**** AB-SSD is proud to provide high-quality dysphagia courses, helping you receive ADVANCED CEUs -- just in time to celebrate #DysphagiaAwarenessMonth.**

REGISTER:

<https://www.swallowingdisorders.org/page/courses> (see all on-demand courses).

or

Specific Link to #PediatricSummerSeries:

<https://www.swallowingdisorders.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1861473>

or

Specific Link to #AdultSummerSeries:

<https://www.swallowingdisorders.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1861803>

AB-SSD Pediatric Summer Series 2024

Feeding-Swallowing Management Across the
Continuum of Care: Case-Based Learning,
On-Demand Recordings &
The LIVE Q&A for the Pediatric Series is
July 18 at 7pm CENTRAL

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Feeding-Swallowing Management
in Outpatient Clinic
Dr. Katlyn McGrattan
CCC-SLP
University of Minnesota



Feeding-Swallowing Management
via Teletherapy
**Dr. Jeanne Marshall &
Dr. Madeline Raatz**
University of Queensland



Feeding-Swallowing Management
Acute-Inpatient
Shaunda Harendt
M.S., CCC-SLP, BCS-S
Children's Colorado



Feeding-Swallowing Management
Home Health
Leandre Gerwin
M.A., CCC-SLP
Cincinnati Children's



AB-SSD Adult Summer Series 2024

Feeding-Swallowing Management Across the
Continuum of Care: Case-Based Learning,
On-Demand Recordings &
The LIVE Q&A for the Adult Series is
July 11 at 7pm CENTRAL

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Case: Dysphagia Treatment in the
Rehabilitation Setting
Mary Nader
SLPD, CCC-SLP
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System



Case: Dysphagia Treatment in the
Home Care setting
Meredith Grant Kinne
MA, CCC-SLP
Cincinnati VA Medical Center



Case: Dysphagia Treatment in the
Critical Care Setting
Martin Brodsky
PhD, ScM
Cleveland Clinic Main Campus



Case: Dysphagia Treatment in the
Out-Patient setting
Brad Smith
M.S., CCC-SLP, CLT
MD Anderson Cancer Center

SWALLOW: A DOCUMENTARY



Produced by the National Foundation of Swallowing Disorders
<https://youtu.be/MrbEUDO6S5U>

INNOVATIONS IN PEDIATRIC DYSPHAGIA CARE

The global incidence of dysphagia in children is on the rise. Effective decision-making requires the collaboration of multiple disciplines. Disparities in demographics and socioeconomic resources influence the identification and emergence of children at risk for dysphagia, as well as their access to appropriate care. Efforts are necessary to reduce inconsistencies in the care of children with dysphagia, especially concerning geographic and economic disparities.

The NMU Gap clinic is run by Andrea Martinez Fisher, M.A, CCC-SLP. This innovation in dysphagia care provides a very unique experience for graduate students and a unique model of care for pediatric patients.

<https://news.unm.edu/news/feeding-learning-and-giggling-unm-s-baby-gap-clinic>

WHAT IS THE NMU GAP CLINIC?

- The Gap clinic was created to bridge the gap of time between discharge from the hospital to the initiation of early intervention services or outpatient services for infants with swallowing and feeding needs.
- Graduate students are able to assist in the evaluation and treatment of swallowing disorders for infants.
- Once early intervention services are initiated, the patient and family may be discharged from the Gap Clinic or transferred to an ongoing caseload if there is not an available feeding specialist nearby.
- Additionally, they are able to participate in an outpatient pediatric VFSS clinic.



INNOVATIONS OF THIS CLINICAL PRACTICE (SERVICE METHODS)

- Graduate student clinicians observe how the referral process happens and initial steps for infants with multiple service providers.
- Graduate clinicians can participate in building relationships with providers and identify gaps and needs in the service line.
- Clinic helps graduate clinicians connect the dots between class work and actual practice.
- Provides opportunity to practice and learn with 100% support in an area that is usually limited for graduate students.
- Graduate clinicians practice identifying the etiology of swallowing disorders in medically complex patients as the patient is recently discharged from the hospital and has transitioned home.
- Work with families as they navigate the trauma of their baby's medical needs and NICU stay.
- Graduate clinicians are able to treat medically complex patients with 100% support that fades as appropriate throughout the semester.
- Collaboration with university hospital and university SLP program for clinical instructor and graduate clinicians to do pediatric video swallow studies to support the hospital's need and also give the graduate clinicians the opportunity to connect clinic work with swallow anatomy and physiology.

HOW TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS WITH DYSPHAGIA?

Dysphagia (swallowing difficulties) can greatly decrease quality of life for individuals with dysphagia and can lead to caregiver burden and third-party disability.

- Understand and mediate factors impacting the quality of life for individuals with dysphagia
- Create a family center approach to dysphagia to dysphagia-related caregiver
- Consider starting a dysphagia support group
- Refer individuals to - <https://www.dysphagiaoutreach.org/>

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- [Take Continuing Education courses](#)

Already board certified?

- [Volunteer as a mentor for SLPs undertaking the BCS process](#)
- [Check out other volunteer opportunities at the AB-SSD](#)



MENTOR NEWSLETTER

Take a moment to go access more up to date information about AB-SSD and keep yourself ready for news with proteges, mentoring, and other resources that can ensure to ease your process as a mentor. [Click here to access it!](#)

Questions? Feel free to reach out to our administration office at info@swallowingdisorder.org or to call us at (920) 560-5625