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News Brief for Board Recognized Specialists in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders

September 2012

Welcome to our newest affiliates!

Since the last issue of Easy to Digest (E2D) in April, the following individuals have submitted a successful application and passed the exam. Congratulations to these individuals and a special thank you to their mentors:

Amy Baillies

University of Wisconsin Hospital - Madison
Mentor: Angela Dubis-Bohn

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Mentor: Jodi Antinoja

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Wake Forest Baptist Health
Mentor: Cathleen Bergin

Jessica Dudash
The Courtyard at the Seasons
Mentor: Sharon Greis

Tanya Duke
The Evelyn Trammell Voice & Swallowing Center
Mentor: Bonnie Martin-Harris

Katie Holterman
Somerset Medical Center
Mentor: Karen Ball

Diane Longnecker
University Medical Center
Mentor: Stephanie Daniels

Laura McBride
Vanderbilt University Hospital
Mentor: NA

Jarrad Van Stan
Christiana Care Health Systems
Mentor: Donna Edwards

Congratulations and welcome to BRS-S! The Specialty Board now has 185 affiliates.

New corporate partners

The Specialty Board on Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders welcomes our newest corporate partners:

The **University of Wisconsin Voice and Swallow Clinic** and **Connecticut Children's Medical Center**. The UW Voice and Swallow Clinic maintains an international reputation for excellence and offers cutting edge technology and diagnostic capabilities, complemented by active clinical and laboratory research in the area of voice, swallowing and airway disorders. Their team of physicians and speech-language pathologists has the experience needed to assess and treat voice, swallowing and airway difficulties through a comprehensive, patient-centered approach. Further, the Division of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery is a site for advanced training in voice and swallow care and surgery.

Connecticut Children's Medical Center is a teaching hospital and home to the University of Connecticut, School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics and its residency and fellowship programs in pediatrics. Connecticut Children's Medical Center serves as "the doctor's office" for nearly 15,000 children. It is the largest pediatric primary care service for children between Boston and New York. The pediatric intensive care unit serves children with traumatic injuries, life-threatening illness and children recovering from major surgery. The neonatal intensive care unit care for about 500 critically ill or premature newborn babies a year. Connecticut Children's Medical Center is committed to advancing child health through education and serves as a major regional pediatric resource. We encourage and support programs for health professionals, children, families, and the community. We also encourage and support basic, clinical, and health services

research of regional and national significance.

Two new Board members appointed to fill expired terms

Two new Board members have been appointed to fill unexpired terms of Board members who resigned. Kathleen Castillo, of the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, was appointed to fill the term of Caryn Easterling. Caryn's term on the board had been extended through 2012 so that she could mentor the new treasurer, Barbara Messing. Caryn stepped down in the spring. Kathleen will serve through November 2012 to complete that term. Susan Butler, whose term was to have run through 2013, stepped down in May. Karen Ball of Queens College in New York has been appointed to replace Susan and will serve through November 2013.

Kathy and Karen were selected from candidates who ran on the last ballot and received the next highest votes. Because Kathy will serve less than one year, she is eligible to run for two full three year terms. Karen is eligible to run for one three-year term.

The Board will miss working with two outstanding colleagues, Caryn Easterling and Susan Butler, and thanks them for all their work on behalf of the BRS-S. The Board also welcomes Kathleen and Karen and looks forward to working together.

Announcing new award: Bracco Outstanding Applicant Award

The Specialty Board on Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders (SB-S) has partnered with Bracco Diagnostics, Inc. to provide annually an award to be called the Bracco Outstanding BRS Applicant Award. This award will be funded by an unrestricted grant from Bracco Diagnostics, Inc. This award may be given annually to an applicant for BRS-S. The applicant will be chosen by the Executive Committee from a pool of up to the top five applicants recommended by the Applications Committee. The awardee will be reimbursed their application and examination fee. If the applicant successfully renews their affiliation, their renewal fee will also be covered by the award for up to six renewal periods (total of 30 years). Each year the award recipient will be recognized at the Meet the Masters event at convention and also at a meeting of BRS affiliates, if such a meeting is held. Applicants who successfully pass the examination between September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013 would constitute the first 'class' to be considered for this award.

Update to application form

The Board has approved changes to the Applications form. The process of letters of reference has changed so the person providing the reference will not only write a letter, but also fill out a rating form. Both of these will be submitted directly to the Board's office. The application form also requires more detailed information about the CE. If you have already downloaded and begun work on your application using the old form, the Applications Committee will accept the old application form through December 31, 2012. The Applications Committee would appreciate any applications that can be submitted before that time on the new form, as this will allow the committee to begin a trial using a rubric scoring system. After January 1, 2013, all applications submitted must be on the new form.

Clarification on renewal requirements

The Board recently clarified the CEU and clinical contact hours requirements for renewal. The requirements had been specified for the three years immediately prior to renewal, but did not indicate what the requirements were for the first two years of affiliate status. The requirements have been adjusted to mirror that which is required for initial recognition. For example, as in the initial requirements for Board Recognition which require 7.5 CEU over the 3 years preceding Recognition, the renewal requirements continue to require an average of 2.5 CEU's per year (12.5 CEU total) over the five years preceding renewal. The policy does not stipulate how many have to be acquired in each year but states that some CE must be obtained in each of

the five years. The policy also makes it clear that the number of clinical hours (350/year for clinical track; 100/year for academic/administrative track) need to be accrued in each of the five years.

In order to be fair to affiliates who are already part way through their five-year affiliation, the Board adopted a phase-in plan. For full details, see the plan at:

http://www.swallowingdisorders.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=19&Itemid=291.

Plan ahead for Convention activities

The Board will meet at convention on **Wednesday** from 10:00am to 3:00pm. The Public Relations Committee and the Mentor Committee will also meet.

Plan to come to convention early to attend the pre-convention workshop on **Wednesday** from 1:00 - 4:00pm, Convention Center/A402-A403. The session is entitled, "**Lungs, Pulmonary Diseases, Pneumonia & Dysphagia: The Forgotten Graduate Course**" by **Dr. James Coyle**.

Wednesday night is the Eleventh Annual *Meet the Masters Symposium* sponsored by Northwest Imaging Associates, Inc. through an unrestricted education grant provided by Bracco, makers of Varibar. This year's topic is "The Sensory Aspects of Swallowing: What do we know?" Speakers include two BRS-S speech-language pathologists, Cathy Pelletier and Catriona Steele, as well as Linda Bartoshuk, an experimental psychologist who specializes in taste and Julie Mennella, a behavioral scientist with an interest in the ontogeny of chemical senses. Watch for more information on how to register for this free symposium.

On **Friday** at 1:30pm the BRS-S has invited colleagues Jacqueline Hind, JoAnne Robbins, Georgia Malandraki, Zata Vickers and Rich Hartel to present a Short Course entitled, "Sensorimotor Integration: Nexus Between Dietary Modification & Oropharyngeal Exercise" (Convention Center/B303).

BRS-S Meet and Greet Breakfast meeting at Convention

We are happy to announce that Nestlé Health Science has agreed to sponsor our breakfast meeting for affiliates and those interested in BRS-S this year. The meeting will take place at the OMNI hotel on Thursday morning, at 7:00 AM, just before the Opening Ceremonies.



Mark your calendars now, and let colleagues that are interested in finding out more about BRS-S know! Many thanks to Nestlé Health Science for their kind support! More information to follow...

Emeritus Status

The Board also approved the addition of Emeritus Status. The title (BRS-S Emeritus) may be awarded in recognition of continued distinguished service in feeding, swallowing and swallowing disorders. The individual will be presented with a certificate of Emeritus Status by the BRS-S Board upon acceptance. This status may be awarded at retirement from employment to an individual in good professional standing and with 10 continuous years of BRS-S membership. For more information on how to apply contact a current Board member or email Karen@badgerbay.co.

Web site being updated - we need your help

A committee comprising of Valerie Weber, Terilynn Nitschke, Suzi Bloedel and chair Nancy Swigert, has developed recommendations for upgrading the Specialty Board's web site. The goal is to make the site easier to navigate, contain more colorful images and attract more visitors. Here's how we can use your help:

- Send us clear digital pictures of speech-language pathologist working with patients and clients with feeding and swallowing disorders.
- Send us your head shot with a 2-3 sentence statement about what it means to you to hold the

BRS-S recognition.

- Be sure to have any individual pictured sign a release form. This can be obtained from Karen@Badgerbay.co
- We need consumer's success stories. If you have treated a patient who would be willing to tell their story, or have worked with a child whose parent would tell their story, we'd love to include it on the web site. For more information, see http://www.swallowingdisorders.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=97&Itemid=302.

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