

OHSU's NW Center for Voice & Swallowing

Updates in Medical Speech-Language Pathology, 2026



**OHSU Rood Pavilion Conference Center,
Saturday April 4th, 2026
Portland, Oregon**

A one-day conference for SLPs and graduate students on a variety of advanced medical topics related to voice, swallowing, and upper airway disorders and other related issues presented by clinicians from OHSU's NW Center for Voice & Swallowing.

Registration and additional information:
<https://www.ohsu.edu/ent/nwcvst-training-and-education>



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Conference Schedule

8:30 AM	<i>Continental breakfast (provided)</i>
9:00 AM	Clinical Application of the DIGEST Rating Scale for Videofluoroscopy <i>Donna Graville, PhD, CCC-SLP</i>
9:45 AM	Rating Scales for Flexible Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES): A Review <i>Andrew Palmer, PhD, CCC-SLP</i>
10:30 AM	<i>Break</i>
11:00 AM	The Late Effects of Radiation for Head and Neck Cancer Treatment: A Comprehensive Approach <i>Rachel Bolognone, MS, CCC-SLP</i>
11:45 AM	Applying Exercise-Physiology Principles to the Rehabilitation of Dysphagia <i>Andrew Palmer, PhD, CCC-SLP</i>
12:30 PM	<i>Buffet Lunch (provided)</i>
1:00 PM	Mythbusters: Voice Fact or Fiction? <i>Joshua Schindler, MD</i>
1:45 PM	Considerations for a Comprehensive Approach to Gender-Affirming Voice Care: Voice Therapy and Wendler's Glottoplasty <i>Stephanie Broussard, MS, CCC-SLP & Sarah Schils, MS, CCC-SLP</i>
2:30 PM	<i>Break</i>
3:00 PM	Evaluation and Treatment of Inducible Laryngeal Obstruction: Illustrative Pediatric and Adult Case Studies <i>Adele Preston, MS, CCC-SLP & Sarah Schils, MS, CCC-SLP</i>
3:45 PM	Voice Preservation Strategies: Voice Cloning, Voice Banking, and Message Banking <i>Rebecca Pryor, MS, CCC-SLP</i>
4:30 PM	<i>Finish</i>

Registration:

- SLP with Continuing Education Units (all day) \$90
- SLP with Continuing Education Units (AM only) \$50
- SLP with Continuing Education Units (PM only) \$50
- Other non-SLP professional / OHSU employee (all day) \$45
- Speech Pathology graduate student / Clinical Fellow \$25

Link to online registration page: <https://www.ohsu.edu/ent/nwcvs-training-and-education>

Course Location and Contact Information : The course will take place in the Rood Pavilion at the Center for Health and Healing on OHSU's South Waterfront campus in Portland, OR. For maps and directions go to: <http://www.ohsu.edu> For questions or registration information please contact Andrew Palmer by email at palmeran@ohsu.edu or by phone: 503-494-8885.

Learner Outcomes: On the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss ways in which the Dynamic Imaging Grade of Swallowing Toxicity (DIGEST) protocol for videofluoroscopy has been applied to different patient populations and across clinical settings.
2. Explain the key features of the published rating scales for flexible endoscopic evaluation of swallowing (FEES) and the evidence for their use.
3. Summarize the key elements of a comprehensive management protocol for Late Radiation-Associated Dysphagia (L-RAD) and how these may positively impact health and quality of life.
4. Identify the key elements of an exercise physiology approach and explain how these principles can be applied to the rehabilitation of dysphagia.
5. List common misperceptions about voice care and rehabilitation in the general community.
6. Differentiate features of the voice targeted by gender-affirming voice therapy versus features of the voice targeted by Wendler's glottoplasty.
7. Define the features of inducible laryngeal obstruction (ILO) and standard methods for evaluation and treatment.
8. Compare the different types of voice preservation and describe how they can be used with a communication device or app.

Cancellation Policy: OHSU reserves the right to cancel the course at any time and for any reason. In the event of cancellation, OHSU will return the registration fees for participants but does not accept liability for other costs.

Continuing Education: The course will be offered for 0.6 ASHA CEUs (Advanced Level, Professional Area). There is a \$5 processing fee for the Oregon Speech-Language Hearing Association to report your CEUs to ASHA. This \$5 fee is charged by the Oregon Speech- Language Hearing Association, not by ASHA. To earn ASHA CEUs for this event, participants must be present for the entirety of each individual session for which they are requesting credit. Attendance will be verified through a required post-event survey, in which participants must attest to the sessions they attended in full, and list skills/knowledge gained or ready to implement. Only sessions listed in the survey as attended in full will be eligible for ASHA CEU credit. Partial credit for individual sessions will not be awarded. Participants are responsible for submitting the survey by the stated deadline. ASHA CEUs will not be awarded for incomplete surveys or for sessions not attended in full. Certificates of completion will be provided to attendees upon fulfilment of all of the course requirements.



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Advanced Level

Up to 0.60 ASHA CEUs

Conference Faculty: The workshop is taught by Speech Pathology faculty from the NW Center for Voice & Swallowing in the Otolaryngology Dept. at Oregon Health and Science University.



Rachel King Bolognone, MS, CCC-SLP is an Assistant Professor in OHSU's NWCVS and Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at Portland State University. She enjoys teaching and supervising interns and fellows. Her clinical and research expertise includes evaluation and treatment of swallowing disorders. She specializes in the rehabilitation of patients treated for head and neck cancer in inpatient and outpatient multidisciplinary settings.



Stephanie Broussard, MS, CCC-SLP is an Instructor with OHSU's NWCVS. She earned her Master of Science in Communication Disorders & Sciences from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and completed a clinical fellowship in voice and swallowing at the NWCVS. Stephanie's clinical interests include voice rehabilitation, muscle tension dysphonia, professional/singing voice, gender affirming voice therapy, inducible laryngeal obstruction, and head and neck cancer rehabilitation.



Donna Graville, PhD, CCC-SLP is an Associate Professor and the director of OHSU's NWCVS. She earned her Master's degree in speech and hearing sciences at Portland State University and her PhD at the University of Oregon. She is an adjunct professor at the University of Oregon and Portland State University. Dr. Graville's clinical interests include voice restoration after laryngectomy and swallowing restoration after treatment for head and neck cancer. Research interests include voice and swallowing treatment outcomes after head and neck cancer as well as competency-based learning for graduate students in communication disorders.



Andrew Palmer, PhD, CCC-SLP is an Associate Professor and has been a speech pathologist at OHSU's NWCVS since 2000. He earned his master's degree in communicative disorders at San Francisco State University and completed his Ph.D. at Portland State University. His clinical focus is in the area of head and neck cancer rehabilitation and dysphagia. In conjunction with other members of the department, he teaches a FEES course at OHSU annually and has taught FEES courses nationally. Research interests include aging and social relationships, normal and disordered swallowing, and rehabilitation outcomes in voice and swallowing.



Adele Preston, MS, CCC-SLP is an Instructor with OHSU's NWCVS. She earned her Master of Science in Communication Disorders & Sciences from the University of Oregon and was a LEND extern with the Child Development and Rehabilitation Center (CDRC) in their feeding clinic. Adele's clinical interests include the evaluation and treatment of pediatric voice disorders, vocal cord dysfunction/inducible laryngeal obstruction (VCD/ILO), pediatric airway and tracheostomy care, and aural habilitation.



Rebecca Pryor, MS, CCC-SLP is an Instructor with OHSU's NWCVS. She earned her Master of Science in Communication Disorders & Sciences from Portland State University and completed a clinical fellowship at the Northwest Clinic for Voice and Swallowing. Rebecca's clinical interests include augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) and aural rehabilitation for adults following cochlear implantation.



Sarah Schils, MS, CCC-SLP is an Assistant Professor with OHSU's NWCVS. She earned her Master of Science in Communication Disorders & Sciences from the University of Oregon and completed a clinical fellowship in voice and swallowing at the NWCVS. Sarah's clinical interests include voice rehabilitation, professional and singing voice, muscle tension dysphonia, inducible laryngeal obstruction (ILO), gender affirming voice therapy, and head and neck cancer rehabilitation.



Joshua Schindler, MD, is the Division Chief of Laryngology and an Associate Professor of Otolaryngology at OHSU. His current clinical interests include voice disorders in both professional and non-professional voice users, swallowing disorders, breathing and upper airway disorders, and cancer of the upper aerodigestive tract. His research interests include molecular diagnosis and management of early vocal fold cancers, treatment of spasmodic dysphonia and other neurologic voice disorders, and hoarseness in association with laryngopharyngeal reflux.

Disclosures:

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