



Assessment & Treatment Tools for Tracheostomy: An Interactive Workshop

This program is designed for the multidisciplinary team and all healthcare professionals who work with adults with tracheostomy. The program reviews the physiologic impact of a tracheostomy and teaches clinical information related to tracheostomy indications, timing, and procedures. Attendees will learn step-by-step methods to evaluate for use of a no-leak speaking valve to restore communication; to improve swallowing, secretion management, and olfaction; and to restore subglottic pressure, among other benefits. Advanced techniques for successful assessment and placement of a no-leak speaking valve inline with mechanical ventilation will be demonstrated, including review of ventilator settings and best practice procedures for use and alarm management. Attendees also will learn the importance of early intervention and therapy techniques utilizing a no-leak speaking valve for dysphagia and speech. The impact on mobility, infection control and weaning will be discussed. Case studies, hands on sessions, videos, and group discussion will be incorporated to complement the lecture and to enhance the learning experience.

AGENDA

7:30 – 8:00	Registration
8:00 – 8:45	Ventilation and Tracheostomy: Equipment and Procedures
8:45 – 9:45	Hands-on Session - Ventilation and Airway
9:45 – 10:15	Importance of Effective Communication
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:45	Application of the No-leak Speaking Valve
11:45 – 12:15	Hands-on Session - No-leak Speaking Valve
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch
1:15 – 2:15	Advanced Ventilator Application of the No-leak Speaking Valve
2:15 – 4:00	Early Intervention and Rehabilitation for Dysphagia, Speech, and Mobility
4:00 – 4:30	Case Studies
4:30 – 4:45	CEUs and Adjourn

LIMITED SEATING

Register Early!

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Gail M. Sudderth, RRT

Gail M. Sudderth, RRT has extensive experience in a variety of settings as a respiratory therapist. As lead therapist of a 32 bed intermediate care unit in a large teaching hospital, she was an integral member of the weaning team, and focused on the "hard to wean patient." A recognized speaker, she has presented at hospitals and state and national medical professional meetings in the United States, Canada, the UK and Europe on the topic of airway and ventilator management and the application of the Passy Muir® Valve. In addition she has published several articles on the importance of team management of patient who requires tracheostomy. She is currently a full-time clinical specialist for Passy Muir.

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Kristin King, PhD, CCC-SLP

Kristin King, PhD, CCC-SLP has been a speech-language pathologist in a variety of settings since 1998. She earned her PhD in Communication Sciences and Disorders from East Carolina University in 2008. Her expertise is in cognitive-communication and swallowing disorders with medically complex patients of all ages, particularly those with needs secondary to traumatic brain injury (TBI), tracheostomy/ventilator, and pre-term birth. She has trained SLPs in FEES and VFSS and developed a program for SLPs in the management of patients on ventilators and the use of Passy Muir® Valves at a level-one trauma hospital. She has published several peer-reviewed articles regarding evaluation and treatment of TBI, and she speaks to both domestic and international audiences regularly on the use of speaking valves, evaluation and treatment following TBI, and swallowing disorders. She currently conducts research in all of these areas, while maintaining clinical practice through consultative services.

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