

Dysphagia Across the Lifespan

Throughout a lifetime, our bodies go through many physical and physiologic changes. From infancy through adulthood our bodies adapt to an ever changing demand for calories and nutrients. Similarly the way we acquire those calories and nutrients changes. Dysphagia Through the Lifespan will examine how the "simple" process of swallowing changes and adapts from infancy through adulthood to ensure that we meet our nutrition and hydration needs. It will examine normal feeding and swallowing development, causes of dysphagia at each stage of development, objective assessment of dysphagia for different populations, and treatment options for patients with dysphagia at each stage of life. Dysphagia Through the Lifespan will bring the latest evidence based information to the forefront to assist its attendees in providing the best possible care for patients with dysphagia.

About the Conference

The conference was developed in 2004 by the NSSLHA Chapter of MTSU to provide updated knowledge and skills in the fields of speech-language pathology and audiology.

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The 6th Annual
Mid-Tenn Conference
Dysphagia Across the Lifespan

Date: April 10, 2010
Time: 9:00am– 5:00pm
(Registration: 8:15am)

Middle Tennessee State University
Learning Resource Center
Murfreesboro, TN

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The logo for Middle Tennessee State University. It features the words "MIDDLE TENNESSEE" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with "STATE UNIVERSITY" in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font below it. A blue wavy line is positioned between the two lines of text. The entire logo is set against a background of horizontal grey lines.

Conference Agenda

- 8:15 Registration and Breakfast
- 9:00 Session 1 Begins
- 11:15 Q & A Session
- 11:30– 12:30 Lunch Break
- 12:45 Session 2 Begins
- 2:15 Q & A Session
- 2:30 Afternoon Break
- 4:30 Q & A Session
- 4:45 CEU Information/Signing

Conference Fees

Student: \$20

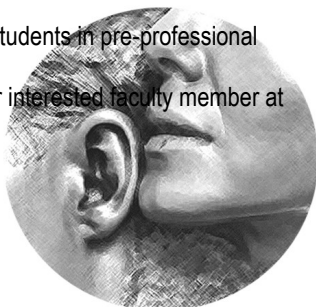
Professionals: \$95

Faculty/Alumni: \$85

Payment Methods: Cash or Check

Who should attend?

Speech-language pathologists, audiologists, students pursuing careers in communication disorders, students and faculty members in the MTSU school of Nursing and College of Education and Behavioral Science, students in pre-professional allied health fields, and any other interested faculty member at MTSU should attend.



About the Speakers:

Debra Suiter is a speech-language pathologist at the VA Medical Center in Memphis, TN. In addition, she holds an affiliate appointment in the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and an adjunct appointment at the University of Memphis. Dr. Suiter is a Board Recognized Specialist in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders. She currently serves as the associate coordinator of ASHA Special Interest Division 13- Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders and is a councilor for the Dysphagia Research Society. Her peer-reviewed publications and presentations have focused primarily on assessment and treatment of swallowing disorders in adults.

Memorie Gosa is a pediatric speech-language pathologist working at LeBonheur Children's Medical Center in Memphis, TN. She earned the distinction of Board Recognized Specialist in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders in 2009. She is currently pursuing a doctorate degree at the University of Memphis. She specializes in the diagnosis and management of dysphagia in pediatric populations. She has presented on the topic of pediatric feeding and swallowing disorders throughout the country.

Continuing Education Units

This year's conference will offer .6 CEU's provided by Speech Pathology Services of East Tennessee. These CEU's will be applicable to state licensure and ASHA requirements. 10 year registry provided by:



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