Bridging Dysphagia Research and Practice: Anecdotes from a Translational Clinician-Scientist

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Part 1: Dysphagia Diagnosis, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Part 2: Dysphagia Treatment, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

ABSTRACT
This presentation will provide empowering knowledge and navigational strategies for SLPs to successfully bridge the science and clinical practice of dysphagia. Hear personal perspectives from a clinician-scientist whose daily work meshes benchwork with clinical research in veterinary and human medicine to fill knowledge gaps and solve unmet clinical needs.

COURSE OUTLINE

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   a. Major shortcomings
   b. Emerging solutions

B. Innovation gaps to fill
   a. Role of translational research
   b. Role of clinical SLPs

(30-minute break)

Part 2: Dysphagia Treatment (6:00 PM - 7:30 PM)

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. List influential trends and emerging interventions in this specialty field, and describe how to use the growing body of literature to decide when/if you should 'jump on board'.

2. Describe how 'thinking like a researcher' can improve clinical practice, and vice versa.

3. Lists ways for clinicians to team up with researchers to solve unmet clinical needs.