

# Virtual Laryngectomy Conference

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## After Hours TEP Management: Advocating for the TEP Patient Outside of Clinic Hours

Tracheoesophageal voice puncture and prosthesis (TEP) is commonly implemented strategy for voice restoration after total laryngectomy. Some may even consider a TEP the gold standard to produce to alaryngeal voice. A variety of complications can be associated with the TEP including premature leakage, periprosthetic leakage, granulation tissue, TEP dislodgement, or embedding of the TEP. Patients may present with problems/complications with the voice prosthesis after clinic hours or in the emergency room setting.

TEP emergencies can be categorized as (1) leakage through, (2) leakage around, (3) sudden loss of voicing, (4) loss of prosthesis, still in tract, (5) loss of prosthesis, not in tract. Management strategies for each form of complication were developed to achieve patient safety and stability until definitive measures could be performed by the patient's Speech Pathologist.

The goals of emergency management of TEP problems focused on minimizing risk of aspiration pneumonia, risk of foreign body aspiration, risk of wound complications at the puncture site. A simple management algorithm was developed for emergency or on-call otolaryngology responders.

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### WHEN

On-Demand viewing available:

**Mon., November 16 8:00am EST through  
Sat., November 21 11:59pm EST**



### TIME-ORDERED AGENDA

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| 00:00 – 05:00: | Introduction   |
| 05:00 – 20:00: | Common complications that may arise from a TEP puncture  |
| 20:00 – 35:00: | Troubleshooting strategies for management of TEP complications, especially for medical professionals without otolaryngology or speech language pathology (SLP) expertise |
| 35:00 – 50:00: | TEP temporizing (after-hours) measures to optimize safety until the patient can be seen by the SLP   |
| 50:00 – 60:00: | Question & Answer  |



## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Participants will list possible complications/ issues that may arise from a TEP puncture.

Participants will be able to describe troubleshooting strategies for management of TEP complications.

Participants will describe TEP management strategies for the non-Otolaryngology and non-SLP medical professional.



## PRESENTERS

### Hannah Cornett, M.S., CCC-SLP

Hannah Cornett is a licensed speech pathologist specializing in inpatient and outpatient care of the head and neck cancer population. She is skilled in the evaluation and treatment of swallowing disorders in the Head and Neck population, as well as in alaryngeal voice rehabilitation. She joined the Emory team in 2016.

**Financial Disclosures:** Ms. Cornett is an employee of Emory University Hospital Midtown and receives a salary for her work as a speech-language pathologist.

**Non-Financial Disclosures:** Ms. Cornett has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

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### Christina Shipp, M.A., CCC-SLP *Non-presenting author*

Christina Shipp is a speech language pathologist at the Atlanta VA Health Care System who specializes in the evaluation and treatment of patients with head and neck cancer. Her expertise and interests include dysphagia evaluation and treatment across all patient populations, tracheostomy, and post-laryngectomy voice and pulmonary rehabilitation.

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### Lauren Ottenstein, M.S., CCC-SLP, BCS-S *Non-presenting author*

Lauren Ottenstein is a board-certified swallowing specialist focused on the evaluation and treatment of patients with head and neck cancer at the Emory Head and Neck Program. Her expertise includes dysphagia evaluation and treatment, alaryngeal voice, and post-laryngectomy pulmonary rehabilitation.

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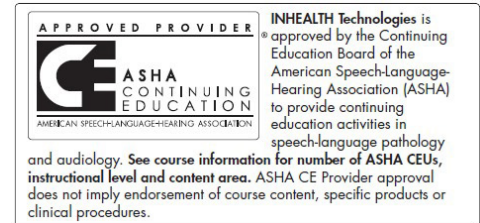
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