

# Virtual Laryngectomy Conference

# 2020

Hosted by InHealth Technologies®



## SLP's Role in Managing Aging Total Laryngectomy and the Tracheoesophageal Puncture: Beyond 5 Year Survival

Total Laryngectomy (TL) with primary tracheoesophageal puncture (TEP) is effective in treating advanced laryngeal cancer for cure or salvage. The goals include restored speech and swallowing. Over the last 30 years, most TL/TEP patients treated at Cleveland Clinic have surpassed the 5 year survival mark. Maintaining functionality of speech and swallowing in the context of aging, comorbidities, and delayed cancer treatment effects can be daunting. Much has been written and discussed about managing TEP leakage, optimizing TE voice, and controlling biofilm. Less common considerations include TEP management past 5 year survival when aging factors and new or worsened comorbidities impact patients who may have been stable with their TEP system for several years. Speech Pathologists must be mindful of age-related changes and comorbidities in order to maintain the best possible outcomes for as long as possible. There may also come a point when TEP must be discontinued. Since Speech Pathologists are in the unique position of caring for these patients for life, this seminar seeks to open a dialogue about TEP management long after cancer treatment is completed.

To register & view this lecture, visit:

<https://www.gotostage.com/channel/inhealthlaryngectomyconference>



### WHEN

On-Demand viewing available:

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



### TIME-ORDERED AGENDA

00:00 – 10:00:	Central Prosthetic Leakage: Causes and Solutions
10:00 – 40:00:	Periprosthetic Leakage: Causes and Solutions
40:00 – 50:00:	Problems with Voicing
50:00 – 60:00:	Other TEP Challenges



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Identify 3 factors impacting TEP beyond 5 year survival.

Describe 3 approaches to maintaining TEP over time.

Describe options for discontinuing TEP.



## PRESENTER

### Joann Kmiecik, M.A., CCC-SLP

Joann Kmiecik, M.A., CCC-SLP is a Head and Neck Clinical Speech Pathologist for Cleveland Clinic and the Taussig Cancer Center. Her primary interests are in laryngectomy rehabilitation with an emphasis on TEP management. She is also developing and expanding the head and neck dysphagia program for surgical patients, as well as those receiving primary or adjuvant CXRT. She has been a co-author for numerous publications on TEP and has presented and lectured on laryngectomy rehabilitation, TEP and dysphagia in the head and neck population.

**Financial Disclosures:** *Joann Kmiecik has been employed by the Cleveland Clinic for over 30 years.*

**Non-Financial Disclosures:** *Joann Kmiecik utilizes a variety of products from several companies in her clinical practice.*

## MODERATED BY

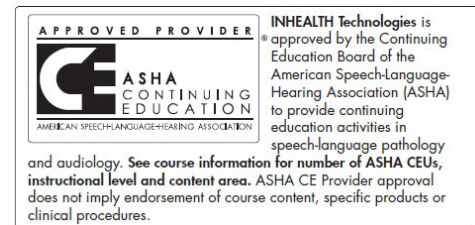
### Elizabeth Lucarelli, M.S., CCC-SLP

Clinical Specialist, InHealth Technologies

**Financial Disclosures:** *Ms. Lucarelli is an employee of InHealth Technologies.*

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

If you have questions, concerns, or requests for accommodations, please email [education@inhealth.com](mailto:education@inhealth.com)



This course is offered for 0.1 ASHA CEUs (Professional Area-Intermediate Level)

For more information on this conference, visit: [https://www.inhealth.com/category\\_s/368.htm](https://www.inhealth.com/category_s/368.htm)

The views and opinions expressed in these presentations are those of the presenters and do not necessarily represent the views or position of InHealth Technologies.

©2020 InHealth Technologies®—Manufactured by Freudenberg Medical, LLC (200803.01)

**INHEALTH**  
TECHNOLOGIES®