

# Virtual Laryngectomy Conference

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## Total Laryngectomees in Skilled Nursing Facilities: Addressing the Gaps in Continuity of Care

As hospital-based Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs), we observed that many total laryngectomy (TL) patients are being discharged to skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), with frequent readmissions for stoma-related complications. Our experiences led us to believe that there is a serious deficiency in the knowledge of care and resources available for TLs at SNFs.

We sought to investigate this hypothesis by gathering information via questionnaire from SLPs in the field. We will present novel data that suggests key gaps in continuity of care of TLs at SNFs, including a lack of facility-level care protocols and limited competence and confidence among SLPs with regard to patient management. By presenting this data, we hope to stimulate discussion and generate solutions to better service this unique patient population.

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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

00:00 – 05:00: Introduction  
05:00 – 10:00: Overview & background  
10:00 – 20:00: Review of survey data  
20:00 – 25:00: Discussion  
25:00 – 30:00: Goals & future directions



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Participants will name 3 areas of laryngectomy care that are provided by SLPs.

Participants will identify 3 questions that address preparedness of a SNF to care for the total laryngectomee.

Participants will identify 3 reasons why more education, training, and support of professionals at SNFs is needed to care for the total laryngectomy patient.



## PRESENTERS

### Talia Schwartz, M.S., CCC-SLP

Talia H. Schwartz is currently a senior Speech Language Pathologist at New York Presbyterian- Columbia Irving Medical Center in Manhattan. She specializes in dysphagia diagnostics and rehabilitation. Experience includes but is not limited to: head and neck cancer, trach/ventilator-dependence, polytrauma, burn cases, and pulmonary diseases. Competencies include MBSimp and FEES. Talia is particularly invested in the total laryngectomy population and provides pre-operative counseling, TEP management and troubleshooting, pulmonary rehabilitation, and training on alaryngeal communication.

**Financial Disclosures:** Ms. Schwartz is an employee of New York Presbyterian Columbia Irving Medical center and receives a salary for her work as a speech-language pathologist.

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

### Kelly Yam, M.S., CCC-SLP

Kelly Yam is a speech-language pathologist and clinical supervisor at the Manhattan VA Medical Center, serving veterans in acute care, acute rehab, and outpatient settings. Her clinical interests include voice and swallowing rehabilitation in head and neck cancer and dysphagia management in the palliative care setting. She also has a keen professional interest in healthcare ethics, currently serves on the hospital Ethics Consultation Committee, and is actively engaged in graduate level coursework in bioethics.

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