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About Me

George is a board-certified specialist in swallowing and swallowing disorders who has developed expertise in dysphagia management, focusing on diagnostics and clinical decision-making in the medically complex population. With a passion for food and a deep appreciation for the joy and connection it brings to our lives, he has dedicated his life to helping others enjoy this simple but deep-rooted pleasure.

Clinical

Select Medical 2015 - Present

Lead Speech Pathologist

Cooperate with an interdisciplinary team to wean patients from ventilators, tracheostomy tubes, and feeding tubes, with the goal of increasing independence and quality of life.

Hackensack Meridian Health 2016 - Present

Speech Pathologist

Perform acute care swallow evaluations with MBSS and train staff to work with patients with tracheostomy tubes and mechanical ventilation.

Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation 2016 - 2024

Speech Pathologist

Lead SLP for conducting MBSS and training colleagues for MBSS competency.

Education

Mercy College 2012

Master of Science in Communication Disorders

Marist College 2008

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Skills

- Registered MBSImP Clinician
- FEES Trained
- Myofascial release trained

Service

- Mentorship for ASHA and Medical SLP Collective
- ASHA Peer Review Contributor
- Regularly provide peer review for various research-based texts and resources
- Regularly publish research-based articles
- NJSHA Dysphagia Subcommittee Member
- Member of the Editorial Committee for Perspectives SIG13: Dysphagia

Education

- Seven-time ASHA Award for Continuing Education (ACE) recipient
- Present to state, national, and international audiences
- Published writer and researcher in dysphagia