Dysphagia Service Delivery Considerations in Health Care Settings During COVID-19

Free webinar hosted by ASHA SIG 13 (Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders) | April 8, 2020

SLPs in health care face unique challenges related to clinical decision-making and service delivery for individuals with dysphagia during COVID-19.

A panel of swallowing experts and representatives from ASHA SIG 13 (Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders), ASHA SIG 15 (Gerontology), the American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders (ABSSD), and the Dysphagia Research Society (DRS), who represent a variety of healthcare settings, including acute care, skilled nursing/long-term care, inpatient rehabilitation and outpatient responded to member questions about dysphagia services in the recorded web chat.

You can view the recording at:
[Dysphagia Service Delivery Considerations in Health Care Settings During COVID-19](https://www.asha.org/About/Coronavirus-Updates/)

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ASHA Resources:
- [https://www.asha.org/About/Coronavirus-Updates/](https://www.asha.org/About/Coronavirus-Updates/)
- [https://www.asha.org/About/Telepractice-Resources-During-COVID-19/](https://www.asha.org/About/Telepractice-Resources-During-COVID-19/)
- [https://www.asha.org/Practice/reimbursement/Payment-and-Coverage-Considerations-for-Telepractice-Services-During-Coronavirus/](https://www.asha.org/Practice/reimbursement/Payment-and-Coverage-Considerations-for-Telepractice-Services-During-Coronavirus/)
Position Statements and Guidelines:

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- The American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS)
- Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists
- American Association for Respiratory Care
- Dysphagia Research Society
- Speech Pathology Australia

Resources related to AGPs (Aerosol Generating Procedures), Infection Control and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment):

- https://www.rcslt.org/learning/covid-19/rcslt-guidance (see section on PPE and COVID-19)
- CDC guidance on aerosol generating procedures
- https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/hcwcontrols/recommendedguidanceextuse.html

Additional Guidance and COVID-19 Resources:

- https://www.entnet.org/content/tracheotomy-recommendations-during-covid-19-pandemic
- https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/

Resources related to Telepractice:

- Speech Pathology Australia FREE online telehealth courses

Journal articles related to telepractice and dysphagia management:


Journal articles related to dysphagia service delivery across settings:

- McCoy Yvette M, Varindani DR. Presbyphagia versus dysphagia: identifying age-related changes in swallow function. Perspectives of the ASHA Special Interest Groups. 2018;3(15):15–21. [https://doi.org/10.1044/persp3.SIG15.15](https://doi.org/10.1044/persp3.SIG15.15)

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