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# SWALLOWING THROUGH THE AGES

## Navigating Swallowing Changes Across Adulthood

**Virtual Seminar  
Friday, February 28, 2025**

**Zoom Check In 7:50 am  
Program 8:00 – 10:00 am**

Healthcare professionals caring for adults across the lifespan must understand the age-related changes in swallowing function. Even healthy adults experience swallowing changes; yet when dysphagia occurs, negative health consequences may ensue. In this webinar, the presenter will:

- Provide an overview of normal swallowing function and common age-related swallowing changes.
- Outline how various medical diagnoses and medications may contribute to dysphagia.
- Describe the negative health consequences of dysphagia as well as the impact on quality of life.
- Provide an overview of the benefits and consequences of various dysphagia interventions in the aging population.

Case studies will be provided to enhance learning.

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# SWALLOWING THROUGH THE AGES:

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### Target Audience

Speech-language pathologists, speech-language assistants, nurses, and other interested healthcare professionals who work with the aging population

### Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this educational activity, the participant should be able to:

- Describe possible age-related swallowing changes.
- Identify options for improving swallow safety and efficiency.
- State the risks/benefits of dysphagia, as well as various dysphagia interventions for the aging population.

### Agenda

7:50 am	Check-in
8:00	Welcome and Overview of the Day
8:05	Description of Normal Swallowing Function in Adults
8:15	Review of Age-Related Swallowing Changes
8:30	Common Diagnoses Impacting Swallowing in Aging Adults
8:45	Impact of Medications of Swallow Function in Aging Adults
9:00	Health and Quality of Life Impact of Dysphagia in Aging Adults
9:15	Dysphagia Intervention: Benefits and Consequences
9:35	Case Examples
9:50	Program Summary/Question and Answer
10:00 am	Adjourn

### Credit



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