Assessment and Management of Voice, Speech and Swallowing in Head and Neck Cancer Patients

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Seminar 1: 11th May 2016, 3.00 – 5.30pm
Seminar 2: 18th May 2016, 3.00 - 5.30pm

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Seminar 1: Assessment of Voice, Speech and Swallowing in Head and Neck Cancer Patients:
This seminar will review the types of voice, speech and swallowing disorders seen in patients treated with surgery and/or chemo-radiotherapy. Treated groups will include total and partial laryngectomy, oral and oropharyngeal cancer patients and skull base surgery patients. The effects of radiotherapy on tissues and voice, speech and swallowing will be discussed. The role of VFSS and FEES examination will be discussed in detail and will include x-ray samples.

Learning Objectives
1. Identify the types of voice, speech and swallowing disorders seen in patients treated with surgery and/or chemo-radiotherapy.
2. Describe the assessment techniques employed with this population, including clinical and instrumental assessment, as well as performance status and QOL.

Seminar 2: Management of Voice, Speech and Swallowing in Head and Neck Cancer Patients
This seminar will review the management of voice, speech and swallowing disorders seen in patients treated with surgery and/or chemo-radiotherapy. Swallow rehabilitation will be described in detail and tailored to treatment type and site, with a review of data on treatment efficacy. Total laryngectomy communication options and management will be discussed. X-ray swallow samples of therapeutic strategies will be included.

Learning Objectives
1. Identify the management strategies to improve voice, speech and swallowing disorders in patients treated with surgery and/or chemo-radiotherapy.
2. Identify the treatment efficacy for head and neck cancer patients treated with primary chemo-radiotherapy and/or surgery with a review of the pertinent literature.

Presenter: Dr. Lazarus is Associate Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She is the Research Director of the THANC Functional Outcomes Research Center, THANC Foundation, Department of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, Mount Sinai Beth Isreal. She maintains a clinical practice and has focused her research on functional outcomes in treated head and neck cancer patients. She has procured NIH funding and has participated in multi-site randomized clinical trials examining treatment for swallowing disorders. Dr. Lazarus taught the graduate Dysphagia course in the Communication Sciences & Disorders Department, New York University for 12 years. She is currently the Visiting Erskine Fellow, Department of Communication Disorders, University of Canterbury. Dr. Lazarus has served on ASHA committees and on the Board of Board Certification for Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders. She is a Past-President of the Board of the International Dysphagia Research Society.