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Educational History

- M.S. Communication Disorders 1995 University of Texas at Dallas, Texas
- B.A. Psychology 1984 McGill University, Montreal, Quebec

Professional Experience

University of Texas at Dallas

Professor of Practice, Program in Speech Language and Hearing, 2001 - present

Provide clinical supervision and instruction to Masters level students majoring in Speech, Language and Hearing (SLH).

Highlights of Responsibilities:

- Clinical supervision of practica: adult neurogenic practicum and adult modified barium swallow practicum (inpatient and outpatient)
- Academic and clinical student advising to meet university and professional association requirements for graduation
- Course Instruction: Introduction to Dysphagia, Topics in Advanced Dysphagia, Motor Speech Disorders and Neurogenic Communication Disorders I
- Admissions Committee: meet with prospective students
- Chair, SLH Scholarship Committee

Baylor Scott & White Healthcare System

PRN Speech-Language Pathologist, August 2001 – present

Provide speech-language pathology services, per required need, in the acute care, acute rehab, outpatient and home settings.

Baylor Rehabilitation Services (BRS) at Baylor Healthcare System

Speech-Language Pathologist, June 1994- August 2001

Provided assessment and therapeutic management of adults with neurogenic disorders and swallowing impairments. Responsibilities included daily management of patient caseload, patient conferences, modified barium swallow exams, student supervision, staff in-services and cross-training of staff/self to support multidisciplinary focus of rehabilitation in the healthcare system.

Patient care settings: Baylor University Medical Center, Baylor Richardson Medical Center, Baylor Specialty Hospital, Real Life Rehab, Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation, Inpatient and Outpatient Services.

Baylor Specialty Hospital (BSH)

Supervisor, Physical Medicine Department, Oct 1997 – June 2000

Management of the Physical Medicine department budget and staff. Responsibilities included supervision of speech-language pathologist, physical therapists, occupational therapists, recreational specialist, physical therapy techs and students in an 80-bed long-term acute care facility.

Highlights of Responsibilities:

- Management of departmental daily operations at BSH
- Development and implementation of department budget at BSH
- Development of new rehabilitation program based on six diagnostic categories
- Student supervision
- Continuous quality improvement projects within the department/facility
- Member of management team at BSH and BRS

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario

Coordinator, New Program Development 1989-1993

Responsibilities included development and execution of strategic annual plan and budget, volunteer management, presentations to volunteers and identification of growth areas through program evaluation.

Research Interests

I am primarily interested in swallowing disorders (dysphagia) and adult neurogenic disorders. My interests stem from my years of clinical work in the hospital environment. I have enjoyed a broad range of clinical experiences, developed strong ties with the medical speech-language pathology community and established several practica which provide both a training venue for our graduate students and a referral source for research projects led by our academic faculty. Other specialty areas of mine include stroke, traumatic brain injury and motor speech disorders.

Professional Memberships

- American Speech-Language and Hearing Association
- Texas Speech-Language and Hearing Association

Achievements in Original Achievement, Investigation, and Research

- Implementation and Analysis of a Free Water Protocol in Acute Trauma and Stroke Patients, *Critical Care Nurse*. 2019;39[3]: e9-e17
- Implementation & Analysis of a Free Water Protocol in Acute & Stroke Patients, Poster Presentation, American Speech-Language Association Annual Convention, November 16, 2018
- TSHA, Oral Seminar, A Refreshing Update: Free Water Protocol and Oral Hygiene in Acute Care
- CEU Presentation: MBSImP: Web-Based Software for Standardization of Interpretation of Modified Barium Swallows, Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation –Irving , Center, July 2014
- ASHA, Oral Seminar, Implementing Oral Care and Free Water Protocol Studies in Acute Care: A collaborative model, November 2013
- NABIS, Poster Presentation, Positive and Negative Clinical Indicators of the Free Water Protocol, September 2013
- ASHA, Poster Presentation, Practice-Based Evidence: Clinicians and Academics Working Together, November 2012
- Water Protocol Presentation for Friday Seminars in Speech, Language and Hearing, UTD/Callier Center, October 2009
- Texas Speech-Language and Hearing Association, Food & Fun: A Pediatric Group Feeding Program presentation, March 2006

- ASHA, Poster Presentation, Food & Fun: A Pediatric Group Feeding Program, November 2005
- Advance Job Fair, Topic: Introduction to Evaluation of Adult Dysphagia, September 2005
- Solari Pediatric Outpatient Therapy Services, Food & Fun Program, February 2005
- Dallas Aphasiology Association, Water Protocol with Patients Aspirating Thin Liquids, September 2003

Professional and University Citizenship

School and Departmental Committees:

- Chair, SLH Scholarship Committee
- Chair, Simucase Committee
- Member, Speech Science (Motor Control) Search Committee
- Member, Clinical Supervisors Committee
- Member, Comprehensive Exams Committee
- Member, Admissions Committee for SLH Master's Program
- Member, Clinical Operations Committee
- Member, Standards and Competency Committee
- Member, Medical Liaison Committee
- Member, Internship Committee
- Member, Communication and Learning Standardization Committee
- Member, Comprehensive Exams Committee
- Member, Recruiting, Admissions, and Advisor Committee
- As needed, Clinical Fellowship Preparation Committee

Courses Taught and Curricula Developed:

- Introduction to Dysphagia
- Topics in Advanced Dysphagia
- Motor Speech Disorders
- Neurogenic Communication Disorder I

Conferences Coordinated:

- Bruton Conference Coordinator: Changing Directions in Rehabilitation for Adults with Dysphagia, April 2016
- Bruton Conference Coordinator: Frazier Water Protocol, Kathy Panther, September 2009
- Bruton Conference Coordinator: Weaning Children From Gastrostomy Tubes: Treating the Whole Child, Mary Tarbell, April 2004

Continuing Education:

Controversies and Consensus in Dysphagia Management, March 2022
 Be Ethical and SMART with your Documentation and Billing, February 2022
 Rehabilitation of Patients with Cognitive Impairments Series, October 2021
 Ethics and Preceptors' Duty of Care When Students Encounter Bigotry, October 2021
 Introduction to FEES, December 2020
 Assessing Dysarthria in Adults, May 2020
 Treating Dysarthria in Adults, May 2020
 McNeill Dysphagia Therapy Program, March 2020

TSHA 2019 Annual Convention
Nine Building Blocks of Supervision, 2019
ASHA Conference, November 2018
The Charleston Swallowing Conference: Innovation to Implementation, July 2018
TSHA 2017 Annual Convention, February 2017
TSHA 2016 Annual Convention Ethics Course, February 2017
Bruton Conference, Changing Directions in Rehabilitation for Adults with Dysphagia, Michael Crary and Giselle Caraby April 2016
TSHA 2016 Annual Conference, March 2016
Dysphagia Research Society Conference, February 2016
Cognitive Communication Disorders: Evidenced Based Assessment and Treatment for Speech-Language Pathologists, September 2015
Dysphagia Water Protocols: Safety and Implementation May 2015
TSHA 2015 Annual Conference, March 2015
ASHA Conference, November 2014
ASHA Conference, November 2013
Bruton Conference, Optimizing Cognitive Rehabilitation, Lynn Turkstra, October 2013
ASHA, Cancellation Test Assessment of non-verbal executive functions in severe aphasia, November 2012
ASHA, Practical Supports for People with Dementia, November 2012
RIC, Annual Interdisciplinary Brain Injury Course, The Continuum of Care in Brain Injury Rehabilitation, May 2011
Evidenced Based Cognitive Rehabilitation: Applying the evidence to clinical practice, March 2011
Benefits of FM Systems for Children with Listening Devices, October 2010
Clinical Management of Motor speech disorders in Degenerative Neurologic Disease, November 2009
The Future of our Specialty: Clinicians designing good dysphagia reseach, November 2009
Adolescence: cochlear implants and literacy, October 2009
Training and transfer of executive functions: gaining control of interference in Memory, October 2009
Stroke and the Four Letter Word, Talk: Treatment for Aphasia in Action, Sept 2008
Using Gateway to Direct the Course of Language Development in AAC, June 2008
Applying Evidenced Based Practice Research to Pediatric Dysphagia Evaluation and Treatment, April 2008
Evaluation of a Pilot Survey on the Use of Adult Telegraphic Input in Clinical Practice, April 2008
The Wounded Storyteller: An Investigation of Stroke Stories and Aphasia, February 2008
New Findings in Strategic Learning Abilities of Children with ADHD, February 2008
Tissue Mechanics and Tissue Engineering of The Vocal Fold, January 2008
Aren't We Done Yet? Children's Interpretation of Verb Phrase Telecity, January 2008
Effects of Computer Based Auditory Training in Noise with Children with Hearing Impairment, January 2008
Physiologic and Behavioral Classification of Delayed Speech, November 2007
Augmented Visual Feedback in Second Language Learning: Training Japanese Post-Alveolar Flaps, October 2007
Predicting Language Learning by Children With Language Disorders: Designing a study of Prebehavioral Indicators, September 2007
Effects of Auditory Feedback on Speech Production, September 2007

Independent and Interdependent Influences on Early Speech Production in Young Cochlear Implant Recipients, September 2007

Differences Between Gist-Based and Detail-Based Processing of Information, September 2007

New Directions in Apraxia Rehabilitation, August 2007

Dysphagia in the Trach/Vent Population, February 2007

Frazier Free Water Protocol: Evidence and Ethics, February 2007

National Dysphagia Diet, April 2006

Maintaining Cognitive Health in the Era of Longevity, April 2006

Managing Executive & Memory Disorders in Traumatic Brain Injury, November 2005

Reading Radiographic Swallow Studies & Planning Treatment: What is your Accuracy?, November 2005

Oral/Pharyngeal/Laryngeal Motor Exercises for Swallowing: Controversial Subject, November 2005

Parent/Professional Perspectives on Assessment of Children Who Are Deafblind?, November 2005

Questions Written by Clinical Faculty While Observing Therapy: An Analysis, November 2005

Food & Fun: A Pediatric Group Feeding Program, November 2005

Some Tips for Finding Evidence-Based Research in PubMed, November 2005

ASHA Healthcare Conference, February 2005

Weaning Children from G-tubes: Treating the Whole Child, April 2004

Interpreting X-Ray Swallow Studies & Planning Treatment, April 2004

Challenges for Successful Student Practicum Experiences in Medical Based Settings, February 2004

Pediatric Dysphagia: Management Challenges, November 2003

How to Jump Start Learning in Children, November 2003

VitalStim – New and FDA Approved Technology, October 2003

The Center for Brain Health, January 2003

Neural Aspects of Speech and Language Development in Hospitalized Infants, November 2002

Interventions for AOS in Adults, Methods of Success, November 2002

Understanding and Treating Perseveration, November 2002

Grand Rounds: Neurocognitive Bases of Language, November 2002

Differences in Dysphagia Treatment Based on Diagnosis, November 2002

Clinical Apprenticeship in Action: Teaching Student Clinicians How to Think November 2002

Cognitive Socialization: The New Language Approach, November 2002

Dynamic Speakers: Group Treatment for Adults Who Stutter, November 2002

Neural Correlates of Syllable Sequence Discrimination in Infants and Adults, November 2002

Incarcerated Female Adolescents' Perceptions of Communication Interactions, November 2002

Language/Stuttering Connection: Case Study Analysis, November 2002

A Checklist for Identifying Infants and Toddlers with Fagile X Syndrome, November 2002

Water Protocol and Cervical Fusion, Follow-up, November 2002

Utilization and Administration of Standardized Tests, July 2002

Water Protocol and Cervical Fusion in Dysphagia Management, August 2002

Stages and Steps in Feeding and Oral Sensory-Motor Therapy, January 2002

