



## Accuracy of Dysphagia Assessment

**Course Description:** This session focuses on improving the accuracy and reliability of a practicing clinician's interpretation of instrumental swallowing assessments. The course includes a review of the popular assessment techniques and sources of error and bias in assessment. During this session the clinician reviews tape recorded segments of FEES and videofluoroscopic swallowing studies.

### Learning Outcomes

Participants will be able to:

1. The attendee will identify and interpret normal and abnormal findings of the videofluoroscopic swallow assessment (VFSS) and Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing
2. The attendee will be able to compare and contrast reliability and accuracy.
3. The attendee will describe the contribution of bias

### Agenda

1:15-2:45      Reliability of dysphagia assessments.  
                    Review of the evidence  
                    Discerning error and bias in judgments  
                    Controlling error and bias

2:45-3:00      Break

3:00-4:30      Overview of rating case studies  
                    Audience response and review of case studies  
                    Questions and closing statements

**Speaker:** Dr. Murray is Chief of the Audiology Speech Pathology Service for the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System and was named an ASHA Fellow in 2010. His research and publications are in the area of assessment, treatment and management of patients with dysphagia. His book Manual of Dysphagia Assessment in Adults, is being readied for e-publication. He has provided numerous workshops, seminars and invited lectures in the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia.

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