



**The Association of DHA/VHA Speech Language Pathologists  
2023 National Conference  
West Palm Beach Florida April 12-14, 2023**

**TARGET AUDIENCE**

Speech Language Pathologists from the Department of Veterans Affairs and Defense Health Agency.

**OVERALL PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to describe and apply the most recent advances in the assessment and treatment of Veterans and Active-Duty Service Members with disorders of communication, cognition and swallowing.

**REGISTRATION**

Please click the following link to register for the program:

<https://www.eventsguid.com/event/18041>

Registration Rates:

AVASLP active members: \$150

Non-members of AVASLP: \$200

Students: \$100

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

Hilton West Palm Beach

600 Okeechobee Boulevard

West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Reservations must be made by as **soon as possible** to receive the government rate of \$209/night. Call 561-231-6000 and ask for “AVASLP group government rate.”

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT



**ASHA CE**  
**APPROVED PROVIDER**

**Pennsylvania  
Speech-Language-Hearing  
Association**

Various Levels  
Up to 2.2 ASHA CEUs

## DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

View Disclosures for Speakers and Course Planners at the link below.

[Presenter Disclosures AVASLP 2023](#)

### Instructions to the Traveler:

Educational Funding request for VHA Employees list **CHEP as the Vendor on SF-182 forms.**  
CHEP, Inc.  
P.O. Box 229  
Perryville, MD 21903

Government Per Diem Rates 2023:

WPB Daily gov per diem rate: \$68

WPB Government room rate: \$209

Link to Tax exempt organization receipt for hotel below\*

[Florida Optional Government Tax exemption Form for Hotel](#)

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## AVASLP Conference Program 2023

<b>WEDNESDAY APRIL 12, 2023</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>
0700-0800	Registration, Vendors	
0800-0815	Introduction/Conference Welcome	
0815-0915	Always a Boy: The journey of a Transgender Son (Keynote)	Jo Ivester
0915-1030	Long COVID Recovery: State of the Clinical Science for Addressing Cognitive Symptoms	Gerardo Gutierrez (South Texas VA) Christine Mathews (Pittsburgh VA)
<b>1030-1100</b>	<b>Break and Vendors</b>	
1100-1215	Surgical Dysphagia: The Importance of Collaboration	Rebecca Howell (University of Cincinnati)
<b>1215-1315</b>	<b>Lunch on Your Own and Vendors</b>	
1315-1415	Treating "Singers": Managing Dysphonia Across the Spectrum Non-Professional Singers	Steve Uliana (UC Davis)
1415-1515	DHA SLP Group Collaboration Training	Jennifer Taff (DHA)
	VA ASPS Program Office	Nan Musson (VHA)
<b>1515-1545</b>	<b>Break and Vendors</b>	
1545-1700	Aphasia Treatment Planning: Lessons Learned from Pirate	James Schumacher (Pittsburgh VA)

<b>THURSDAY APRIL 13, 2023</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>
0700-0730	Sign In, Vendors and Posters (Viewing Only)	
0730-0800	AVASLP Business Meeting, Awards	Executive Board Members
0800-0930	Videofluoroscopic Swallow Studies (VFSS): A Training Tutorial on Quantitative Swallowing Kinematic Analyses	James Curtis (Cornell)
<b>0930-1000</b>	<b>Break and Vendors</b>	
1000-1115	Dysphagia: Interesting FEES/MBS Exams	James Curtis (Cornell); Rebecca Howell (University of Cincinnati); Heather Starmer (Stanford); Dan Weinstein (Philadelphia VA)
1115-1120	Travel Time Breakouts	
1120-1220	Breakout: Adding Speech Pathology into Home Based Primary Care	Meredith Grant Kinne (Cincinnati VA) Susan Meiser (Cincinnati VA)
	Breakout: Telehealth Services in Speech Pathology: Pandemic and Beyond	Gerardo Gutierrez (South Texas VA)
	Breakout: SLP Role in the Cochlear Implant Program (Aural Rehabilitation)	Amy Wadas(Philadelphia VA) Lindsey Zarnick (UPMC)
	Breakout: Voice Acoustic and Aerodynamic Measures: Voice Evaluation by the Numbers	Steve Uliana (UC Davis)
<b>1220-1330</b>	<b>Lunch on Your Own and Vendors</b>	

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1430-1530	DHA Breakout: Current State of Affairs of Speech Pathology in the Defense Health Agency	Jennifer Taff (DHA)
	VHA Breakout: VA Program Office and FAC Updates and Open Forum	Nan Musson (VHA) Christine Mathews (Pittsburgh VA)
<b>1530-1600</b>	<b>Break and Vendors</b>	
1600-1830	<b>Posters Sessions – Must Visit for 15 minutes each to receive full credit</b>	
	The Importance of Speech Pathology and Mental Health Integration in the Treatment of Substance Use disorders: A Case Study	Camille Gray (Lake City VA)
	Application of Expiratory Muscle Strength Training in Dysphagia Treatment for Head and Neck Cancer Patients: Feasibility and Outcomes	Jill Zielinski (Madison VA)
	VA Hudson Valley Healthcare System’s Tele-TBI Speech Language Pathology Services	Maria Monzillo (Hudson Valley VA)
	Benefits of Collaboration between Speech Pathology and Music Therapy in Cognitive-Linguistic Intervention	Veronica Chandler (Gainesville VA)
	The Effects of Interdisciplinary Surgical Airway Team Management of Tracheostomy Outcomes	Christine Mathews (Pittsburgh VA)
	Peri-Operative Dysphagia Management for Patients Undergoing Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG)	Alexa Rodgers (Los Angeles VA)
	Accessible Care for Cognition, Speech, and Swallowing for Veterans with Parkinson’s Disease (ACCSS-PD): A Pilot Program	Vanessa L. Neal (VHA)
	Feasibility of a Lingual Strengthening Intervention for Persons with Dementia: A Case Series Presentation	Joanne Yee (Madison VA)
	Strategic Memory Advanced Reasoning Training (SMART) As A Novel Approach to Cognitive Rehabilitation in Warfighters: Preliminary Findings from the VOCET Clinical Trial	Lori Barnard (DHA)

<b>Friday April 14, 2023</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>
0730-0800	Sign In, Vendors and Posters (Viewing Only)	
0800-0900	Head and Neck Cancer: Feeding Tubes and Swallow Preservation	Heather Starmer (Stanford)
0900-1000	Mindfulness-Based Communication Enhancement (MBCE) Group	Sharon Haire (Tampa VA) Megan Vaughan (Richmond VA)
<b>1000-1030</b>	<b>Break and Vendors</b>	
1030-1200	AAC in 2023: Updates for Assessment and Intervention	Logan Gates (Minneapolis VA); Laura Mellon (Seattle)
<b>1200-1330</b>	<b>Lunch on Your Own and Vendors</b>	
1300-1445	Sudden-Onset, Adult Stuttering: From Differential Diagnosis to Treatment	R. Kevin Manning (DHA)
1445-1545	Dysphagia: Spilling the Tea (Unthickened)	Dan Weinstein (Philadelphia VA)
1545-1645	A Collaborative Approach to the Evaluation and Management of Central Auditory Processing Disorders	Molly Crabtree (Los Angeles VA) Delia Karahalios (Los Angeles VA)
1645-1700	<b>CEU Paperwork</b>	

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

View Learning Objectives for presentation and posters below:

[AVASLP Conference 2023 - Learning Objectives](#)

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