

**2025 AVASLP Conference Program  
Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza  
April 9-11, 2025**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>
7:00a-7:30a	<b>CONFERENCE REGISTRATION and VENDORS POSTERS (Viewing Only)</b>	
7:30a-8:00a	<b>OPENING REMARKS/PRESENTATION OF COLORS/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Lindsey Occhipinti
8:00a-9:00a	KEYNOTE: The Burdens We Carry?	Dr. Kathy Platoni
9:00a-9:45a	Behavioral Interventions for Dysphagia in Patients Living with Dementia: Overview and Case Studies	Joanne Yee Dr. Nicole Rogus-Pulia
9:45a-10:15a	<b>BREAK and VENDORS</b>	
10:15a-11:15a	Exploring Speech Pathology Care within HBPC Through Case Studies	Meredith Grant Kinne
11:15p-12:15p	A Strategic Framework for Implementation of Value Based Dysphagia Care	Dr. Emily Plowman
12:15p-1:15p	<b>LUNCH and VENDORS</b>	
1:15p-2:15p	Deep Dive into Laryngeal Cancer: Did the Pendulum Swing?	Christina Shipp Elizabeth Farmer Lauren Ottenstein Dr. Merry Sebelik Dr. Mark El-Deiry
2:15p-3:15p	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence in Speech Language Pathology	Emily McCrone
3:15p-3:45p	<b>BREAK and VENDORS</b>	
3:45p-4:45p	Cultivating the Future of Speech-Language Pathology: Helping Budding Clinicians Get Growing	Joanne Yee Jill Zielinski
4:45p-5:45p	National ALS ORH Comprehensive Care: Framework of Current Evidence Based Practices	Dr. Annette "Nicole" Askren Sarah Kiefer-Luhring Nan Musson Joanne Yee
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8:15a-9:15a	Ethics and Person-Centered Rehabilitation	Dr. Michael Biel
9:15a-10:15a	Improving Proactive Head and Neck Cancer Care through the VA Intensive Dysphagia Treatment Program	Joanne Yee Dr. Kathy Welden Emily Bible-Ramsey Alexa Rogers
<b>10:15a-10:45a</b>	<b>BREAK and VENDORS</b>	
10:45-11:30a	BREAKOUTS:	
	<b>TRACK 1: COGNITION/TECH:</b> Cognition & The Media Myth: Are Smart Devices Helping or Hurting Our Outcomes?	Sonia Mehta Dr. Karen Le
	<b>TRACK 2: AAC:</b> Assistive Technologies to Support Life Participation in People with Aphasia	Logan Cates
	<b>TRACK 3: ADMIN:</b> Clinic Improvements: Using Data Principles to Gain Leadership Support	Robin Ledford
	<b>TRACK 4: ADMIN:</b> From SLP to MHA: An SLP's Journey from Clinical Practice to Hospital Administration	Rebecca Kizlinski
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<b>12:20p-1:30p</b>	<b>LUNCH and VENDORS</b>	
1:30p-3:00p	Supporting Motivation During Treatment Using Self-Determination Theory	Dr. Michael Biel
3:00p-4:00p	Updates in Clinical Practice Recommendations for Care of Veterans with Tracheostomy	Kimberly Eichhorn
<b>4:00p-4:30p</b>	<b>BREAK and VENDORS</b>	

4:30p-5:30p	National VA Intensive Dysphagia Treatment Program at Cincinnati VAMC: How We Do It and Lessons Learned	Dr. Kathy Welden Sarah Kiefer-Luhring Meredith Grant Kinne Bayley Kralik Joanne Yee Dr. Nicole Rogus-Pulia															
5:30p-7:15p  (must be present for 15min per poster for CEU credit)	<b>POSTERS SESSION:</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Titles:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>IDDSI implementation at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center: A circuitous path to success</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reducing % of patients in Speech Therapy who are not served in their preferred language</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Functional Language Maintenance Plan Outcome Measures In Dementia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Role of Speech-language pathologist in memory screening for patients over the age of 65</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FEES within HBPC in VAWNY</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Efficacy of Semantic Priming to Improve Comprehension and Expression of Sentences (SPICES), a Novel Telehealth Treatment Approach</td> </tr> <tr> <td>An Open-label Feasibility and Acceptability Pilot of Hypnosis and Mindfulness Meditation for Cancer Pain in Veterans</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Titles:</b>	IDDSI implementation at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center: A circuitous path to success	Reducing % of patients in Speech Therapy who are not served in their preferred language	Functional Language Maintenance Plan Outcome Measures In Dementia	Role of Speech-language pathologist in memory screening for patients over the age of 65	FEES within HBPC in VAWNY	Efficacy of Semantic Priming to Improve Comprehension and Expression of Sentences (SPICES), a Novel Telehealth Treatment Approach	An Open-label Feasibility and Acceptability Pilot of Hypnosis and Mindfulness Meditation for Cancer Pain in Veterans	<table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Presenters:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kimberly Rossman Ann Nothwehr Dr. Nancy Solomon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cara Kovarik Isayra Sanchez-Amaro</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jessica Hatterman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rachel Casticone</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christina Scott Julia Park</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kyle Mamiya</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Presenters:</b>	Kimberly Rossman Ann Nothwehr Dr. Nancy Solomon	Cara Kovarik Isayra Sanchez-Amaro	Jessica Hatterman	Rachel Casticone	Christina Scott Julia Park	Kyle Mamiya
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8:15a-9:15a	Gender Affirming Voice Care for Veterans: Outcomes from National Virtual Clinical Improvement Project	Kimberly Eichhorn Aubrey White Lindsey O'Shea Natalie Unger Nan Musson
9:15a-10:00a	Clinician Stories: How Our Personal Histories Inform and Strengthen our Care For Veterans	Sonia Mehta Kimberly Eichhorn Nan Musson
10:00a-10:30a	<b>BREAK and VENDORS</b>	
10:30a-11:30a	Treating the Unseen: Using A Symptom-Based Approach with the AHI Population	Shannon Auxier Maia Magder Dr. Katherine Sullivan

11:30a-1:00p	Training Tomorrow's Leaders: A Perspective on a Speech Team Approach in Head and Neck Cancer Populations	Cassandra White Caroline Johnson Samantha Frederick
<b>1:00p-2:00p</b>	<b>LUNCH: AVASLP Business Meeting &amp; Awards</b>	AVASLP Executive Board Members
2:00p-3:00p	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VHA Speech Pathology Program Office/ Field Advisory Council Updates</li> <li>• DHA Speech Pathology Field Advisory Council Breakout</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nan Musson Dr. Christine Matthews</li> <li>• R. Kevin Manning Melissa Covington</li> </ul>
3:00p-4:15p	Feeding or Breathing? The Debate Over Feeding on Noninvasive Respiratory Support in the NICU	Melissa Covington
<b>4:15p-4:45p</b>	<b>CEU Paperwork AVASLP Appreciation Announcements Conference Adjourned</b>	Raquel Ramos Meredith Grant Kinne Lindsey Occhipinti