

**HOT TOPICS  
in Paediatric  
Dysphagia**

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# Feeding Workshops

## Overview

Dr Pamela Dodrill and Dr Memorie Gosa are running a series of 2-day advanced workshops for clinicians working in the field of neonatal/ infant/ paediatric feeding and swallowing management.

The workshops will be fully interactive, and will consist of combination of case discussion, simulation, and active Q and A sessions.

The speakers will draw on current literature and their vast experience in the inpatient and outpatient hospital settings to inform discussions.

## Intended audience

Paediatric health professionals involved in the management of dysphagia and paediatric feeding disorders.

## Instructional level

Advanced



Dr Dodrill and Dr Gosa have both worked for more than 20 years in the paediatric hospital setting, and are Board Certified Specialists in Swallowing Disorders.

Dr Pamela Dodrill, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, CNT trained in Australia, and worked at the Royal Children's Hospital for more than a decade, before relocating to Boston to work at the Boston Children's Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital NICU. She is an instructor at Harvard Medical School, and teaches the Paediatric Dysphagia course in the Master in Deglutology Program at KU in Belgium.

Dr Memorie Gosa, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S trained in the US, and worked at La Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis for over a decade, before relocating to Alabama. She is Chair of the Speech Language Pathology Program at UA, and works clinically at the Druid City NICU. She is co-editor of the text book *Assessing and Treating Dysphagia: A Lifespan Perspective*.

Dr Dodrill and Dr Gosa specialize in the assessment and management of paediatric feeding and swallowing disorders. Between them, they have authored approximately 100 journal papers and text book chapters, are regularly invited to present at national international scientific conferences, are reviewers for numerous medical journals, teach at the university level, and regularly run and present at workshops for other health professionals.

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Day 1		Day 2	
Time	Topic	Time	Topic
0730	Introduction	0730	Q & A
0800	Case discussion 1	0800	Case discussion 3
0930	Break	0930	Break
0945	Simulation 1	0945	Simulation 3
1145	Lunch	1145	Lunch
1230	Case discussion 2	1230	Case discussion 4
1430	Break	1430	Break
1445	Simulation 2	1445	Simulation 4
1615	Q & A	1615	Q & A
1700	Finish	1700	Finish



- Case discussions include:**
- The high-risk infant
  - Dysphagia and respiratory disease
    - Use of thickened liquids
    - Paediatric feeding disorder



### Learning objectives -

*During this workshop, the presenters and attendees will discuss:*

- assessment of infant feeding difficulties
- effective use of therapeutic feeding equipment, positions, and strategies in infants
  - screening and assessment of paediatric feeding disorder
  - evidence-based feeding interventions in older children
- indicators that an infant or child is not managing with the current feeding plan
  - necessary sensory-motor responses required for safe swallowing
  - possible indications for need for swallow imaging
  - potential interventions that can be trialed during swallow imaging
    - safety considerations for performing swallow imaging
    - indications and contraindications for using VFSS vs FEES
      - considerations when using thickened liquids
      - weaning from thickened liquids
  - potential impact of feeding difficulties on nutrition and growth
    - daily life impacts of paediatric feeding disorders
- the importance of a team-based approach to management of paediatric feeding disorders
- advances in NICU medical management that have the potential to impact on feeding outcomes
  - main stages of feeding development in preterm infants
    - common feeding issues in a Level III NICU
    - common feeding issues in a Level IV NICU
  - feeding interventions commonly used in the NICU setting
- various levels of respiratory support and how they can potentially impact on feeding development and safety
  - infant neurobehavioral states and strategies for achieving optimal state for infant feeding
    - infant engagement cues and infant stress/ disengagement cues
- strategies that can be adopted to support the mother-infant relationship in the hospital setting
  - how trauma informed care can guide a more healing centered care encounter
  - effective communication regarding feeding with other staff, and patient care givers
- potential benefits of having evidence-based multi-disciplinary clinical practice guidelines
  - key steps in developing and implementing clinical practice guidelines
  - key stakeholders who should be involved in developing and implementing guidelines
- potential benefits of performing simulation activities to develop and maintain clinical skills

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