EARNING CE CREDIT

COURSE TITLE
Trachs and Communication: The SLP's Role

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This comprehensive course arms the SLP with critical knowledge about tracheostomy including: reasons for trach placement, anatomy of trach tubes, speaking valves, above-cuff vocalization (talking trach), and the how-to's of evaluating and treating communication disorders in individuals with trach tubes. Videos demonstrate patients using two different kinds of talking trachs.

This webinar is highly relevant for SLPs working across the continuum of care including acute care, outpatient, acute and subacute rehab, LTACH, and home health.

LEARNER OUTCOMES
As a result of this course, participants will be able to:

- Describe the differences between speaking valves & above-cuff vocalization for communication
- List all components of a tracheostomy tube
- Identify patient candidates for use of speaking valves and above-cuff vocalization
- Identify indications and contraindications for speaking valves and above-cuff vocalization
- Verbalize 3 considerations for troubleshooting challenges with speaking valves and above-cuff vocalization

COURSE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS
In order to receive a certificate of completion, and to have their participation reported for ASHA CEUs, learners must do the following.

- Watch 100% of video lessons. Completion is tracked and verified by this website.
- Earn a score of ≥80% on a brief, open-book, multiple-choice test following each of the 4 lessons.
- If needed, learners may re-take the test in order to achieve a passing score.
- Complete and submit the course feedback survey.
- Submit the Reporting Information form and indicate whether you would like your participation reported to ASHA.
    - Note: if you tell us you don't want ASHA CE reporting and later change your mind, we can't retroactively apply it.

AGENDA

- Tracheostomy: what, when, why, & how? *13 min.*
- Trach tube anatomy *13 min.*
- SLPs and trachs *19 min.*
- Speaking valves; preparing for session *34 min.*
- Checking and changing the inner cannula *6 min.*
- Speaking valve how-to, sessions, documentation, safety *54 min.*
- Introduction to talking trachs / above-cuff vocalization (ACV) *14 min.*
- Portex BLuSA talking trach / ACV; evidence *18 min.*
- ACV how-to, sessions, documentation, safety *47 min.*
- Nonverbal communication *9 min.*
- Decannulation, advocacy, and the SLP role; conclude *14 min.*

INSTRUCTOR BIO

Brooke Richardson, MS, CCC-SLP is a Medical Speech-Language Pathologist in the USA. She has been treating adults with complex medical needs in the acute and outpatient settings since 2009. Brooke also values providing exceptional-quality continuing education for other MedSLPs, and seeks to improve our patient care by emphasizing the importance of understanding a patient's whole medical picture when evaluating and treating.

INSTRUCTOR DISCLOSURES

- *Financial*: Owner of The Modern MedSLP, which owns and operates this website and collects tuition.
- *Non-Financial*: None



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