Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing for Dysphagia Assessment

This course explains the methodologies used in the flexible endoscopic evaluation of swallowing (FEES) exam. The course provides hands-on instruction on the clinical techniques used in the FEES exam and instruction on the diagnostic elements of the FEES exam.

Two-day Workshop

December 12, 2015
7:45am to 5:45pm

and

December 13, 2015
7:45am to 3:00pm

Location: Murray State University, Multipurpose Room in Alexander Hall, 3101E, Murray, KY

Cost: $375.00, includes lunch both days

Attendees must attend the entire course and score an 80% on a self-assessment to obtain course credit.

Presenter:

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Time Ordered Agenda

Day 1, December 12, 2015

7:30-7:45am: Registration; light snacks
7:45-8:00am: Introduction/ course overview
8:00-8:45am: FEES/MBS compared anatomy/physiology
8:45-9:30am: FEES salient findings
9:30-9:45am: Break
9:45-10:15am: FEES and secretions
10:15-10:45am: FEES and gastro-esophageal reflux
10:45-11:15am: FEES patient criteria
11:15-11:45am: Lunch (provided on-site)
11:45-12:15pm: FEES and patients with pulmonary impairment
12:15-12:45pm: FEES and patients with neurological impairment
12:45-1:15pm: FEES and patients with head and neck cancer
1:15-1:45pm: FEES bolus delivery methods/ exam prep
1:45-2:00pm: Break
2:00-2:30pm: FEES and voice assessment
2:30-3:00pm: FEES procedure interpretation
3:00-3:45pm: Break
3:45-4:30pm: FEES exam abnormal/typical findings
4:30-5:00pm: FEES documentation
5:00-5:30pm: FEES referrals post procedure
5:30-5:45pm: Question-Answer period/day 1 review

Total time day 1: 8 hours, 45 minutes

Day 2, December 13, 2015

7:30-7:45am: Light snacks
7:45-8:15am: Starting a FEES program
8:15-1:15pm: FEES equipment presentation and hands-on practice with head model and healthy volunteers
1:15-1:45pm: Lunch
1:45-3:00pm: Conclusion; question/answer period; self-assessment

Total time day 2: 6 hours, 45 minutes
Total time in workshop: 15 hours, 30 minutes

Learning Outcomes

After completing this workshop, course participants will be able to:

1. List at least four physiological elements of normal swallow function on FEES.
2. List at least four common dysphagia findings on FEES.
3. List at least eight anatomical areas visualized with the FEES exam.
4. List at least four clinical indications for a FEES exam.
5. List at least four contra-indications for a FEES exam.

This program is offered for 1.55 CEUs (Intermediate level; Professional area).