

# Medical Speech Pathology: Best Practices Conference 2026

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026**

Time	Session Title	Speaker(s)
7:00-7:45	Registration and Breakfast	
7:45	Welcome	Amanda Hereford, MA, CCC-SLP
8:00- 9:00	Failure to Thrive and Refeeding Syndrome: What an SLP Needs to Know	Makayla Mosier, RDN, LD
9:00- 9:15	Break	
9:15 - 10:30	Proactive Dysphagia Management in Individuals with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	Emily Baumhoer, MS, CCC-SLP; Cara W. Donohue, PhD CCC-SLP; Hannah Malamud Hoffman, MS, CCC-SLP;
10:30 - 11:30	AI and Clinical Care: Ethical and Organizational Considerations	Laurie Lovett Novak, PhD, MHSA, FACMI, FAMIA
11:30 - 12:30	Augmentative and Alternative Communication in the Hospital Setting	Jennifer Kile, MS, CCC- SLP
12:30 - 1:15	Lunch	
1:15 -2:45	Standardized Behavioral Assessment of Patients with Disorders of Consciousness	Yelena G. Bodien, PhD
2:45- 3:00	Break	
3:00 -4:00	Into the Thick of It: Diet Modifications and What the Research Says	Elizabeth Norberg, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

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7:00 - 7:45	Breakfast	
8:00 - 10:00	Beyond the Swallow: From Foundational Care to Innovation in Head and Neck Cancer Rehabilitation	Carly Barbon, PhD, CCC-SLP
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