FRIDAY

8:00

Dhyanesh Patel, MD, FACG, AGAF

Dr. Patel is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of Motility in the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. His clinical focus is on esophageal disorders with research focused on achalasia, esophageal motility disorders, GERD and extra-esophageal reflux. He has also been involved in the development of novel diagnostic tools that reduce diagnostic latency and can monitor therapy response in patients with esophageal disorders. He has over 50 peer reviewed publications and is also the editor for two books (Obesity and Esophageal Disorders, 1st edition, 2022 and Evaluation and Management of Dysphagia: An Evidence Based Approach, 1st edition, 2020). He serves as the chair for the communications committee for the International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus and is the director of post-graduate course at our international Digestive Disease week. He has been invited to give lectures at multiple national and international venues due to his expertise in esophageal disorders and serves on editorial boards for two of the highest impact journals in our field, *Clinical Gastroenterology -and Hepatology* and *Alimentary Pharmaceuticals and Therapeutics*. He also previously served on the editorial board of *Gastroenterology* and serves on committees for ACG, AGA, and ASGE.

Disclosure:
--Consultant for Diversatek/Sanofi/Regeneron Pharmaceuticals

Title: Esophageal dysphagia: Approach to Diagnostics and Management

9:45

Hannah Malamud Hoffman, MS, CCC-SLP

Disclosures: Salary from Vanderbilt Health

Bio: Hannah Malamud Hoffman, MS, CCC-SLP is a Speech-Language Pathologist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where she works across multiple clinical settings, specializing in acute care and outpatient dysphagia management with a clinical focus on head and neck cancer. Her clinical practice includes collaborating with otolaryngology in Lebanon, Tennessee, as well as providing care in Vanderbilt's Head and Neck Cancer Survivorship Clinic.

Hannah is passionate about improving quality of life for individuals affected by head and neck cancer and advancing patient-centered care throughout the cancer survivorship journey. She co-facilitates the Head and Neck Cancer Support Group at Gilda's Club Middle Tennessee alongside Pamela DuVall, providing opportunities for connection, education, and support for individuals navigating life after a cancer diagnosis.

Additionally, Hannah co-founded the Nashville Dysphagia Support Group in collaboration with Dr. Cara Donohue and the National Foundation of Swallowing Disorders. Through her clinical practice, education, and advocacy efforts, she is committed to empowering patients and survivors with the knowledge, resources, and support to navigate swallowing challenges and life after head and neck cancer treatment.

Title: The Next Chapter: Swallowing & Survivorship after Total Laryngectomy

Lydia Pion, MM, MA, CCC-SLP

Disclosures: No Disclosures

Bio: Lydia Pion is a Speech-Language Pathologist at the Vanderbilt Voice Center, where she evaluates and treats patients with voice and upper airway disorders, as well as head and neck cancer patients, with a particular focus on laryngectomy rehabilitation and alaryngeal communication. One of her career highlights so far was serving as an SLP on a medical mission trip to Malindi, Kenya, under the direction of Dr. James Netterville. During this trip she collaborated with a multidisciplinary team to provide free, critical care to underserved populations and trained Kenyan SLPs in several key areas of laryngectomy evaluation and treatment. She holds a Bachelor of Music from UNC-Greensboro, a Master of Music from Rice University, and a Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology from Miami University of Ohio.

Title: Life After Laryngectomy: Navigating Communication and Recovery

10:45
Susan Hamblin, PharmD, BCCCP, FCCM

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Bio: Susan Hamblin is an Associate Professor at Lipscomb University College of Pharmacy with practice sites in the Burn Unit and in the multidisciplinary Brain Injury Clinic at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She completed her first year of residency training at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis, TN, followed by her PGY2 Critical Care Residency at Greenville Memorial Medical Center in Greenville, SC. She holds Board Certification in Critical Care Pharmacy. Dr. Hamblin has been practicing and teaching in clinical pharmacy with a focus in critical care/trauma for nearly 20 years.

Title: We're Crushing It: Pharmacy Essentials for Speech Language Pathologists

12:30
Catherine McTamaney, Ed. D.

Bio: Catherine McTamaney is an award-winning teacher, author, and Professor of the Practice of Education at Vanderbilt University's Peabody College, specializing in teacher education, Montessori pedagogy, and the integration of the arts in early childhood education. She serves as Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Department of Teaching and Learning at Peabody and teaches courses such as *Society, School and Teacher* , *Children's Development in the Arts*, and *Learning and Development from 0–6*. She focuses on the social and political context of public education and the integration of education and the arts, working primarily with undergraduates in Peabody's teacher licensure programs.

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Title: The Attentive Practitioner: Creating Environments that Foreground Curiosity and Vulnerability in Patient Care and Staff Communities.

1:45

Sarah A. Welch, DO, MPH

Bio: Dr. Welch is a learning health systems researcher whose work advances evidence-based hospital care by bridging the translational gap between rehabilitation practice and clinical decision-making to improve patient outcomes. She is an Assistant Professor in Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R) and an investigator with the VA Tennessee Valley Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center (GRECC). She also directs the PM&R Acute Care Consult Service at Vanderbilt University Hospital. Across these overlapping roles, Dr. Welch partners with clinicians, researchers, and health system leaders to identify and address hospital-care challenges where rehabilitation processes and clinical decisions intersect. She holds a Master of Public Health from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, is a member of the Rehabilitation Medicine Scientist Program, and is a graduate of the VA Quality Scholars Fellowship. Dr. Welch serves as the American Academy of PM&R representative to the American Geriatrics Society's Geriatrics for Specialists Initiative. Her research has been funded by the Vanderbilt Center for Learning Healthcare.

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Title: Bridging the Gap: PM&R's Role in Acute Care, Rehab Decisions, and Discharge Pathways

2:45

Title: Up to Date: Recent Development in SLP Nasoendoscopy Research

Cara W. Donohue, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Bio: Cara W. Donohue is a practicing speech-language pathologist, an Assistant Professor, Director of Medical Speech-Language Pathology, Co-Director of the Medical Speech-Language Pathology specialty track, and Director of the Innovative Research in Aerodigestive Disorders (iRAD) Laboratory at Vanderbilt University Medical Center

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Faith Lemke, M.S., CCC-SLP

Bio: Faith Lemke, M.S., CCC-SLP, is a speech-language pathologist and PhD student in the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences at Vanderbilt University, where she works in the iRAD Laboratory under the mentorship of Dr. Cara Donohue.

Financial: Vanderbilt Interdisciplinary Training Program in Alzheimer's Disease, funded by the National Institute on Aging of the National Institutes of Health (T32-AG058524), the Russell G. Hamilton Scholar Provost's Graduate Fellowship from Vanderbilt University, and the Lindsay Sale-Tinney Scholarship from Vanderbilt University.

Non-Financial: ASHA member, DRS member, ESSD member

Theresa Lizzo, M.S., CF-SLP

Bio: Theresa graduated from Vanderbilt University with her master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology in 2026. She is currently completing her clinical fellowship in adult acute care at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

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Elizabeth Norberg, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S

Bio:

Elizabeth Norberg is a Board-Certified Specialist in Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders who brings two decades of specialized clinical experience to the field. Elizabeth's clinical specialties include the diagnosis and treatment of swallow dysfunction in medically complex patients, artificial airways, head and neck cancer, and using FEES for comprehensive upper aerodigestive tract assessments.

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SATURDAY

Brittany N. Krekeler, PhD, CCC-SLP

- Bio: Brittany N. Krekeler, PhD, CCC-SLP, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, with secondary appointments in Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine, Biomedical Engineering, and Communication Sciences and Disorders. She directs the Dysphagia Rehabilitation Laboratory, where her NIH-funded research focuses on swallowing physiology, dysphagia recovery following stroke, and innovative approaches to swallowing assessment and rehabilitation. As a speech-

language pathologist and clinician-scientist, Dr. Krekeler is committed to translating research findings into evidence-based clinical practices that improve swallowing outcomes and quality of life for individuals with dysphagia.

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- The title of your presentation: Beyond the Exercise: Understanding Neural Recovery and Shaping Swallowing Rehabilitation After Stroke