Adventures in Paediatric Dysphagia - A taste of things to come!

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi - With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

Hosted by The University of Auckland and Waitemata DHB, we offer a three-day course for professionals who are beginning their journey supporting children with dysphagia and their families.

The course will be interactive with many case studies tailored to your workplace. There will pre-course reading and activities to enable the course to focus on active learning (i.e. minimal lectures!)

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To be held at the Tāmaki Campus, The University of Auckland, Corner Merton & Morrin Roads, Glen Innes, Auckland. Go to 730.264 (Population Health Building, Level 2) on Monday 9 September.

Cost is $600.00 incl GST
This is for all three days of face-to-face learning as well as access to the course website before and during the course.

Overview
This three-day course will build your knowledge of dysphagia and develop your critical thinking and decision making in this specialist area of practice. Ideally you will already be working with children who have dysphagia although this is not essential. The course provides the foundations for those qualified professionals new to this work.

This course is for Speech-language therapists, Dieticians, Occupational therapists and other professionals working with children with dysphagia, and their families.
Learning Objectives

Broadly the course will cover the following:

- Anatomy and physiology and the development of feeding skills
- Assessment – clinical feeding evaluation, when to use instrumental tools, how to interpret VFS results
- Risk management and safety
- Intervention and planning including prioritising treatment focus, a toolbox of interventions
- Pre-feeding skills and transitions to oral feeding
- Clinical decision making in a variety of settings
- Models of service delivery and constraints
- Following the child’s lead and communication cues – listening to the child
- Working with families
- Ethical dilemmas and complex settings
- Team working

The Presenters

The course will be led by Bianca Gordon and Emma Necus with contributions from specialist therapists from across New Zealand.

Emma Necus

Emma has considerable experience in working with adults with complex needs and children with dysphagia from 0-21yrs, focusing on Paediatrics for the last 12 years. Emma has worked in a variety of settings, including specials schools, community and acute settings. She has a masters degree from The University of Canterbury on the use of oral motor control therapy with biofeedback for children with cerebral palsy during eating and drinking. She has supervised a number of therapists with their dysphagia practice and is currently the Acting Senior Paediatric Speech-language Therapist working at Waitemata DHB in Auckland. Emma’s current clinical focus includes both acute and community paediatric dysphagia, and developmental disability.

Bianca Gordon

Bianca graduated as a speech and language therapist from the University of Reading, England in 1997. She has worked since then with children with special needs. Her work in dysphagia has focused on pre-school children both in-patients and in the community. After 13 years working in public health services she has moved to a clinical supervision role at the University of Auckland. She has taught the Paediatric Dysphagia paper at Massey University and now coordinates the dysphagia course at The University of Auckland. She has a masters degree from The University of Auckland where she investigated how preterm infants make the transition from tube to oral feeds. Her philosophy is to work with people from where they are, to have fun, and to learn a lot along the way.

Please register by Friday, 30 August 2013.

More information is available on request.
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