McNeill Dysphagia Therapy Program (MDTP)  
An exercise based therapy for swallowing disorders

Conference Information:  
Immanuel Rehabilitation Institute  
Conference Center, Holling Room  
6901 N. 72nd Street,  
Omaha, Nebraska, 68122

Directions:  
From I-680, take Exit 9, which is the 72nd Street exit.  
Go south on 72nd Street and turn left on Deaconess Drive (exit for the Emergency Room), just north of Immanuel Hospital/Immanuel Rehabilitation Institute.  
On Deaconess Drive, travel past entrance F to the stop sign. The Conference Center parking lot is on the right.

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CERTIFICATION COURSE

Space is limited to the first 60 registrants
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Cost: $400

Refund Policy:
Participants who cancel their registration by email up until 10 days prior to the course will receive a full refund less a $100 processing fee. There will be no refund after the course has been completed.

This course is offered for .85 ASHA CEUs
(Intermediate level, Professional area)

What is MDTP (McNeill Dysphagia Therapy Program)?
MDTP is a systematic exercise-based approach to dysphagia therapy in adults. Rather than a specific technique, MDTP is a framework from which to provide individualized therapy to adult patients. This one day intermediate course introduces participants to the conceptual basis of MDTP, provides the results of initial clinical studies documenting functional and physiologic benefits from MDTP intervention, describes in detail the components of MDTP, and provides step by step instruction for the evaluation and treatment of patients receiving the MDTP approach.

What are the basic components of MDTP?
MDTP is based on exercise principles. These are reviewed and explained in this course. MDTP components include a structured and validated clinical and instrumental assessment, application of food hierarchy with clinical decision strategies, and specific recommendations for monitoring patient performance and advancing safe oral intake.

Are modalities used with MDTP?
Though we have used MDTP with NMES and sEMG biofeedback, MDTP is a stand alone clinical approach to dysphagia therapy in adults. While some patients might benefit from application of adjunctive modalities in dysphagia therapy, this course will not address the inclusion of adjunctive modalities.

Who benefits from MDTP?
Our clinical research to date has focused on adult patients who have chronic dysphagia (a minimum of 6 months) and who have ‘failed’ at prior dysphagia interventions (no improvement in safe oral intake). We have used MDTP with patients who survived stroke, head/neck cancer treatment and traumatic brain injury. While not every patient has improved following MDTP intervention, our success rate is over 90% for increased safe oral intake and nearly 70% for removal of feeding tubes in these chronic, treatment refractory patients.

Will I be able to use the MDTP approach after this one-day course?
Yes, the one day course will provide you will all the basics that an experienced clinician needs to conduct MDTP therapy. If you have questions once you start using MDTP, the course instructors are available via email to respond to your questions.

Who is McNeill?
MDTP has been tested in clinical research since 2005. Hannibal McNeill was one of the first patients who volunteered to participate in this line of clinical research. Hannibal had survived both a brainstem stroke and treatment for head and neck cancer. He entered MDTP therapy on a thick liquid diet and left three weeks later eating his favorite food...hamburger and french fries. Nearly two years after completion of therapy Hannibal died from a brain hemorrhage. With the permission of his family, we honored his memory by naming this therapy approach after him.