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Intermediate Level

.15 ASHA CEUs

MD Anderson Proton Trial Results: What Do They Mean for RT Swallow Protocols?

Available until 12/31/2025

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Course Structure:

This course is an asynchronous course, available on-demand. Participants will have the opportunity to complete course requirements via a recorded webinar.

Course Description:

This course intends to bridge the recently published results of the MANTLE trial to dysphagia practice. In this course, participants will gain interdisciplinary perspectives on radiation fibrosis and manual therapy as it relates to cervical fibrosis and late radiation associated dysphagia. The course will emphasize practical ways to consider integrating manual therapy into dysphagia care models. Insights about radiation fibrosis will be considered from rehabilitation and radiation oncology perspective. Presenters will share algorithms for screening, clinical measurement, and integration of fibrosis mitigation strategies for late-RAD.

Course Objectives:

Participants will be able to:

1. Describe the difference between photon and proton RT treatment modalities, specifically relating to implications for radiation-associated dysphagia
2. Describe the results of the MDA Proton trial examining outcomes between photon and proton RT in HNC patients
3. Describe clinical framework for long-term survivorship and monitoring of late radiation-associated dysphagia in patients treated with proton RT

Agenda:

- 0-5 Introduction
- 5-20 Protons vs Photon RT (Protons, Photons, Oh My!) (Lee)
- 20-35 Proton Trial Results: What are the differences? (Gunn)
- 35-50 "RADPath" for Protons: Dysphagia Care Models (Barbon)

- 50-65 Survivorship Care after Proton RT: Monitoring and managing late effects (Cracchiolo)
- 65-90 Moderated Panel All Faculty (Hutcheson)

No partial credit will be given for this course.

Completion Requirements:

In order to receive ASHA CEUs, you must complete the following—

1. Watch the webinar in full, which will be monitored through the website.
2. Complete a post-course evaluation and survey within 48 hours of watching the webinar in full.
3. The post-course assessment will include a multiple-choice test, which must be completed with 100% accuracy. The learner will have unlimited attempts.

Link to Post-Course Evaluation

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How to access the live event:

1. Log into your account
2. Click on the "**View Content**" tab, where you will see the course title.
3. Click "**Launch Zoom Webinar**" at the bottom of the course.
4. Enter requested information and click "**Register**" using the same email address used to register for the activity (this can be done ahead of time and added to your calendar)
5. The day of the event, click "**Join Meeting**"

Note: If participating from a mobile device, you must download the Zoom mobile app to view this live event.

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