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Intermediate Level

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## *Late Radiation Associated Dysphagia to Elective Laryngectomy*

**Available until 12/31/2025**

**Level:** Intermediate

### **Course Structure:**

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

### **Course Description:**

In this course, participants will gain knowledge on the pathophysiology of late radiation-associated dysphagia, evaluation, and treatment protocols specific to this population. Interdisciplinary panelists will cover decision making surrounding elective total laryngectomy for laryngopharyngeal dysfunction in patients with late-RAD, with emphasis on both surgical and rehabilitation considerations.

### **Course Objectives:**

1. Describe pathophysiology of late RAD in laryngectomy.
2. Discuss treatment considerations based on diagnostic profiles.
3. Summarize medical, surgical, and therapeutic interventions in this population.

### **Agenda:**

- 0-5 Introduction (Hutcheson)
- 5-20 Late RAD 101 (Hutcheson)
- 20-35 RAD phenotypes (Goldsmith)
- 35-45 Laryngology for Late-RAD (Naunheim)
- 45-55 Elective laryngectomy for late-RAD: surgical pearls (Goepfert)
- 55-70 SLP rehabilitation after elective laryngectomy for late-RAD (Ebersole)
- 70-90 Moderated Q&A with speaker panel (Hutcheson, Goldsmith, Naunheim, Richmon, Ebersole, Goepfert)

***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](#)

**Policies:** Please see home page

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