

INTENSIVE COURSE IN DYSPHAGIA DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SHEET: 2018

Course:	Intensive course in dysphagia diagnosis & management in conjunction with <u>'Stroke Rehab: From No-tech to Go-tech'</u>
Location:	Christchurch, New Zealand
Dates:	Two full weeks, Monday - Saturday inclusive 22nd Jan - 3rd Feb, 2018
Registration Fee:	\$1380 NZD incl GST

Hello everyone!

Thanks for your interest in the 2018 *Intensive Course in Dysphagia Diagnosis and Management*. We are in our second year in our beautiful new facility, with new instrumentation to enhance our understanding of swallowing. We are eager to share it with you.

A bit more information:

- ✚ The course is targeted toward clinicians who are already practicing in medical speech pathology or those who wish to transition from education to health. We do not put a specific experience level on the course. It is intended to provide both skilled and novice clinicians with the fundamental skills that they either were not taught in clinical training programmes, or have struggled to integrate into a busy clinical practice. This fundamental information, particularly as it relates to swallowing pathophysiology, is critical to the development of an astute clinician with refined skills in differential diagnosis. For some clinicians, it will offer a very good, comprehensive review. For others, it may be a bit of information overload. We'll try to target mid-ground.
- ✚ The course materials are 'evidenced based' when there is evidence available. When there is not, we will tell you explicitly and identify the influence of gaps in research on clinical practice.
- ✚ The course consists of TWO FULL WEEKS of education.
You must attend the duration to receive the course certificate. If you fail to attend the full course for any reason, there is no partial refund of course registration fees.
- ✚ This year only, the course will be run a little bit differently. We are once again hosting our international, multidisciplinary conference - [Stroke Rehab: From No-Tech to Go-Tech](#)
We will be piggy-backing the dysphagia intensive onto this conference so that those who register for the dysphagia intensive can attend the conference for FREE! GREAT international speakers are supporting this conference and will really boost your learning for the course.
- ✚ Historically, the course was originally intended for NZ based clinicians. As such the two weeks of the course were divided by several months to allow for integration of material in clinical work and to facilitate workload coverage for those left behind. However, over the past several years, we have had as many overseas participants as national, requiring them to purchase two round trip tickets to NZ. As a result, instead of having the two weeks of the course separated by several months, we are going to offer the course in a single two-week block. The first week of the intensive will be Monday through Saturday, Jan 22nd – 27th. For the second week of the dysphagia intensive, we will join the Stroke Rehab Conference from Jan 29th -31st. Then we will return to the final days of the dysphagia intensive from Feb 1st – 3rd, Saturday inclusive.
- ✚ Thus, to register for the Dysphagia Intensive you will register for the Stroke Rehab conference.
VERY IMPORTANT: When you [register online](#) to attend the conference, select the option

"Combined Conference Registration and Dysphagia Intensive Course " on the payment page This automatically includes participation in the Stroke Rehab conference.

- ✚ The Stroke Rehab conference will be held at the Christchurch Art Gallery. The dysphagia intensive will be held at the Rose Centre (depending on final numbers), which is at 249 Papanui Road, approximately 2.5 km from the conference site.
- ✚ We must have a minimum of 16 participants to proceed with the intensive course. Be aware that you will want to commit to the course and seek out accommodation quickly so that we will know if the intensive will proceed and so that you can find suitable accommodation.
- ✚ The intensive course runs from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, approximately. The length of days may vary slightly given how quickly we go through content (eg...how many questions you ask) or how zoned out you are looking (there is a coffee shop very close by). We're pretty good at recognising when have reached their capacity for new information and will adapt things accordingly.
- ✚ There are assessments throughout the course. These are optional. If you elect not to take the assessments or if you fail the assessments, your certificate will read that you *attended* the course; if you take and pass the assessments, your certificate will read that you met the requirements for the course. In this respect, the course is competency based. However due to availability constraints, there will be no direct hands-on patient care or observation.
- ✚ For those who work in paediatrics, the course is not focused on paediatric swallowing. However, keep in mind that paediatric swallowing has close similarities to adult swallowing except in infants, and that kids have the same nerves, muscles and structures. So, if you work in paediatrics, you could still take valuable information from the course.
- ✚ We have a broad range of instrumentation in our labs, some that you will now use clinically and some that you might be motivated to implement clinically. So even though much of the course will be classroom and small group-based, we will spend time in the laboratory learning instrumentation. We'd like you to have hands-on exposure to endoscopy, videofluoroscopy, pharyngeal manometry (high- and low-resolution), EMG, evaluation of swallowing respiratory coordination, cough reflex testing, sEMG biofeedback and others. As a result, we will spend some time out of the classroom and in the lab.
- ✚ The course will be taught by Maggie-Lee Huckabee, Phoebe Macrae, Kristin Gozdzikowska and Lucy Greig. Some portions of the content may be taught by some of the Rose Centre postgraduate research team. They are a great, clever group of clinical researchers. This will give our voices a rest and will give everyone a welcome change from listening to the same voices for two weeks.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

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