

Supplementary Material. Survey questionnaire

Part A

1. Email address
2. Name (optional)
3. Age
 - a) 20-30 years
 - b) 31-40 years
 - c) 41-50 years
 - d) 51-60 years
 - e) >60 years
4. Gender
 - a) Male
 - b) Female
 - c) Prefer not to say
5. Nationality
6. Qualification
7. Years of experience in the field of speech language pathology (SLP)
 - a) 0-1 year
 - b) 2-5 years
 - c) 6-10 years
 - d) 11-20 years
 - e) >20 years
8. Work set up*
 - a) Super specialty hospital
 - b) Multi specialty hospital
 - c) General hospital
 - d) Clinic
 - e) Institution
 - f) School
 - g) Private practice
 - h) Other
9. Type of communication disorders that you frequently work with*
 - a) Child language disorders
 - b) Adult language disorders
 - c) Voice disorders
 - d) Fluency disorders
 - e) Speech sound disorders
 - f) Dysphagia
 - g) Others
10. Do you work with individuals with dysphagia?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

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Part B

11. How long have you been exposed to working with individuals with dysphagia?
 - a) 0-1 year
 - b) 2-5 years
 - c) 6-10 years
 - d) 11-20 years
 - e) >20 years
12. Which is the frequent population (with dysphagia) that you have served?
 - a) Adults
 - b) Geriatrics
 - c) Pediatrics
 - d) Newborns and infants
13. On an average, how many individuals with dysphagia report to you every month?
 - a) 0
 - b) 1-5
 - c) 6-10
 - d) 11-20
 - e) >20
14. Have you undergone any specialized training or certification course in dysphagia? If yes, mention.
15. Do you work with a doctor at your work place? If yes, who among the below?*

 - a) ENT doctor
 - b) Neurologist
 - c) Maxillofacial surgeon
 - d) Physical Medicine Rehabilitation
 - e) Oncologist
 - f) I work independently

Part C

16. Is there a necessity of Speech-Language Pathologists in rehabilitating patients with dysphagia?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
17. Do you think certification is required for Speech-Language Pathologists for treating dysphagia?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
18. Are you frequently involved in the team management of patients with dysphagia?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
19. Are you involved in team of tracheostomy care?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
20. Are you involved in team of palliative care?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

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Part D

21. What are the common conditions associated with dysphagia that an SLP can deal with?*

 - a) Dysphagia with speech difficulties
 - b) Dysphagia with language disturbance
 - c) Dysphagia with cognitive decline
 - d) All the above

22. What are the common causes of dysphagia?*

 - a) Post head and neck cancer treatment
 - b) Traumatic brain injury
 - c) Degenerative diseases
 - d) GERD
 - e) Tracheotomy

23. What are the symptoms indicative of dysphagia?*

 - a) Anterior leakage
 - b) Oral residue
 - c) Coughing/choking before, during, or after swallowing
 - d) Drastic weight loss
 - e) Multiple swallows
 - f) Increased meal time

24. What is the criterion to refer individuals with dysphagia for instrumental assessment?*

 - a) All individuals who complain of dysphagia
 - b) Those who fail in clinical swallow examination
 - c) Those who complain of choking
 - d) Not sure

25. Who are the professionals involved in the dysphagia assessment and rehabilitation team?*

 - a) SLP
 - b) ENT doctors
 - c) Neurologist
 - d) Physiotherapist
 - e) Dietician
 - f) Psychologist
 - g) Nurse
 - h) All of the above

26. To which category of profession does speech-language pathology belong to?

 - a) Paramedical
 - b) Health care
 - c) Both
 - d) None

27. At what stage the role of SLP beings in dysphagia services?*

 - a) Case history
 - b) Clinical swallow examination
 - c) Instrumental assessment
 - d) Rehabilitation

28. What is the role of SLP in dysphagia services at your workplace?*

 - a) Performing clinical swallow examination only
 - b) Performing instrumental assessment too
 - c) In arriving at a diagnosis
 - d) In rehabilitation only
 - e) In counseling
 - f) None of the above

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29. How frequently do you provide dysphagia therapy per individual at your workplace?
- a) One session per day (everyday)
 - b) One session per week
 - c) Three sessions per day (every mealtime)
 - d) Demonstration to caregivers
30. How often do you receive referrals from doctors?
- a) Always
 - b) Usually
 - c) Half of the time
 - d) Seldom
 - e) Never
31. If seldom or never, what are the reasons for not referring individuals with dysphagia to SLPs?
- a) Not aware of SLPs role
 - b) Unavailability of SLPs
 - c) SLPs are not certified or trained for dysphagia management
 - d) Others

*Questions with the possibility to mark more than one answer.