



MAIN PROGRAM
September 25-26, 2026
Denver, CO

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 – Main Conference	
6:30 – 8:00 AM	Hands-On Courses (Non-CME)
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Registration, Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Viewing and “Meet the Authors” at Poster Viewing
8:00 – 8:10 AM	Opening Remarks
8:10 – 9:00 AM	Session #1: Scientific Highlights <i>Moderated by Renee King, PhD, CCC-SLP</i> Internal Superior Laryngeal Nerve Injection of Botulinum Toxin A for Laryngeal Neurosensory Disturbances - Ladan Navari, MD – Award for Clinical Innovation Toward Noninvasive Local Steroid Delivery for Vocal Fold Disorders - Shicheng Yang, Ph.D. – Award for Translational / Basic Science Toward a Clinical Measure of Automaticity: Using Reaction Time to Quantify Cognitive Load During Speech Modification - Keiko Ishikawa, PhD – Award for Voice Therapy / Behavioral Science Treatment of Acute Laryngeal Injury in a Leporine Model with Azithromycin vs Laryngeal Dilation and Triamcinolone Injection – A Randomized Controlled Study - Patrick McGarey, MD Spatial Transcriptomics Unveils Layer-Specific Heterogeneity in Adult Human Vocal Fold Epithelium - Claire Victoria Ong, BS The impact of female hormones on idiopathic subglottic stenosis (iSGS) scar - Diana Lopez-Fay, MD, MS – Sid Khosla Award A Critical Examination of the Psychometric Properties of the VHI-10: Are We Measuring What We Think We’re Measuring? - Brett Welch, PhD, CCC-SLP – Award for Measurement / Outcomes Science Q&A – Audience Discussion
9:00 – 9:45 AM	Session #2: Cough and Sensation <i>Moderated by Laurie Slovarp, PhD, CCC-SLP</i> Convergent Validity of Auditory-Perceptual Assessments of Cough: Exploring Simultaneous Relationships with Aerodynamic and Acoustic Cough Measures - James Curtis, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S Using Pitch-matching and Diadochokinetic Tasks to Assess Laryngeal Somatosensation - Michael Lahiff, BS Oral Low-Dose Naltrexone: A New Treatment Option for Sensory Neuropathic Cough - Andrew Neevel, MD Behavioral Cough Suppression Therapy for Refractory Chronic Cough: Outcomes from a Community Otolaryngology Clinic - Jane Salois, PhD CCC-SLP Assessment of Laryngeal Sensory Function Using Tactile Stimuli in Patients with Parkinson’s Disease - Javidan Asafov, MD Sensorimotor reflexive and voluntary cough integrity degrade following lung transplantation - Steven Maristela, MS, CCC-SLP Q&A – Audience Discussion
9:45 – 10:15 AM	Break: Exhibit and Poster Viewing
10:15 – 11:00 AM	Panel #1: Invisible Airway Disorders: When Anatomy is Normal but Breathing Isn’t <i>Moderator: Teresa Procter, SLPD, CCC-SLP, MM</i> <i>Panelists: Claudio Milstein, PhD, CCC-SLP, Emily Nauman, MA, CCC-SLP, James Daniero, MD, MS, Levi Keller, MD</i>
11:00 – 12:00 PM	*Keynote Speaker* Megan Falley: Poet, Author, and Subject of the Sundance-winning documentary “Come See Me in the Good Light”
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch on Own (Check out the Lunch & Learn Opportunities at Fall Voice!)
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Session #3: Gender and Voice <i>Moderated by Felicia Francois, BM, MS, CCC-SLP</i> Sutureless Modified Wendler Glottoplasty for Voice Feminization - Austin Cao, MD The Impact of Face and Voice Congruency on Perception of Gender - Ümit Daşdoğan, PhD, CCC-SLP Three-Dimensional Geometry of Glottic Webs in Wendler Glottoplasty: Impact of Infraglottic Capture on Pitch Elevation in an Ex Vivo Porcine Model - Nikhil Arora, MD Gender Representation in Laryngology Conference Presentations from 2020-2025 - Angelica Mangahas, MD "Multidimensional Voice Outcomes in Cisgender Women Following Exogenous Testosterone Therapy" - Teresa Procter, SLPD, CCC-SLP, MM

	Chondrolaryngoplasty: Vocal Considerations, Outcomes and Effects on Acoustic Measures of Voice - Christopher Dwyer, MD	
	Evaluation of the Effects of Testosterone on Voice in Transmasculine Adolescents and Young Adults - Nikhil Arora, MD	
	Q&A – Audience Discussion	
2:30 – 3:20 PM	Session #4: Pharyngo-Esophageal Pathology <i>Moderated by Nina Zhao, MD, MAEd</i>	Session #5: Care Models <i>Moderated by Charles Nudelman, PhD, CCC-SLP</i>
	Respiratory-Swallow Coordination and Swallowing Safety and Efficiency in Healthy Adults: A Secondary Analysis of 843 Swallows - James Curtis, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S	Redefining the Acute Care Dysphagia Service Model: A Preliminary Investigation of Esophageal Screening using the Robust Esophageal Screening - Stephanie Watts, PhD, CCC-SLP
	Cervical Inlet Patches in Retrograde Cricopharyngeus Dysfunction: An Unrecognized Predictor of Treatment Failure - Nabeeha Hasan, BS	Exploration of Patient Adherence to Physician Recommendations in Laryngology Clinics - Jennifer Silver, MD
	Esophageal Co-Pathology in Typical Zenker Diverticula Patients - Shadi Shinnawi, MD, MPH	Impact of Ambient Music on Patient Experience During In-Office Laryngology Procedures - Akshay Prabhakar, BSA
	Dyssynergic Defecation in Patients with Retrograde Cricopharyngeus Dysfunction: A Retrospective Case Series Suggesting a Common Mechanistic Pathway - Neeraj Senthil, BS	Socioeconomic Deprivation and Vocal Handicap in Adults with Voice Disorders - Robert Fujiki, PhD CCC-SLP
	Clinical presentation of lateral pharyngeal diverticula - Desi Gutierrez, MA, CCC-SLP	Characteristics Associated with Participation in Speech Pathology Treatment for Exercise-Induced Laryngeal Obstruction (EILO): Findings from a Quality Improvement Initiative - Kimberly Romo, MS CCC-SLP
	Aspiration or Assumption? Reconsidering Pneumonia and Frailty in Zenker Diverticulum - Ari Schuman, MD, MSCR	Impact of Anesthetic Agents on Patient Satisfaction in Monitored Anesthesia Care for Laryngologic Procedures - Jennifer Silver, MD
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3:20 – 3:50 PM	Break: Exhibit and Poster Viewing	
3:50 – 4:50 PM	Panel #2: Hormones and Voice Across the Lifespan <i>Moderator: Yin Yiu, MD</i> <i>Panelists: Brian Nuyen, MD, Preeti Sivasankar, PhD, CCC-SLP, Yael Bensoussan, MD, Sarah Kervin, MS, CCC-SLP</i>	
4:50 – 5:00 PM	Award Presentations – Travel Grants and Scientific Awards	
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Talent Show Viewing	
5:30 – 6:30 PM	Job Fair	

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 – MAIN CONFERENCE	
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Registration, Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Viewing and “Meet the Authors” at Poster Viewing
7:55 – 8:00 AM	Welcome
8:00 – 8:55 AM	Session #6: Emerging Clinical Tools <i>Moderated by Ruth Davis, MD</i>
	Towards a Foundation Model for Clinical Voice Biomarkers: Introducing VoiceFM - Anais Rameau, MD
	Haptic feedback improves vocal intensity in people with Parkinsons - Amanda Gillespie, PhD, CCC-SLP
	IKEA Meets Acoustics: DIY Tools for Voice Monitoring and Analysis - Charles Nudelman, PhD, CCC-SLP
	Automated Esophageal Clearance Analysis Using Deep Learning for Development and Validation of a REST-Based Model - Stephanie Watts, PhD, CCC-SLP
	Transoral Robotic Laryngeal Framework Surgery with da Vinci Single-Port: Cadaveric feasibility Study - Wyatt Ploot, Medical Student
	Validation of Low-Cost Digital Manometry for Intraoral Pressure Voice Assessments: Mechanistic Underpinnings and Agreement with the Phonatory Aerodynamic System - James Curtis, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S
	A Low-Cost Alternative for Dysphagia Management in Parkinson's Disease: The Colorado Oral Strengthening Device (COSD) - Elizabeth Cuadrado, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S
	Q&A – Audience Discussion
8:55 – 9:50 AM	Session #7: Measuring Voice <i>Moderated by Umit Dasdogan, PhD, CCC-SLP</i>
	From Subjective Effort to Objective Vibration: High-Speed Digital Imaging Establishes Quantitative Biomarkers of Tracheoesophageal Voice Response to Neopharyngeal Dilation - Angela Terese Dionisio, MS, CCC-SLP
	Development and clinical validation of the Daily Vocal Hyperfunction Index - Jarrad Van Stan, PhD, CCC-SLP
	Audio- and Sensor-Based Classification of Vocal Vibrato with and without Respiratory or Laryngeal Oscillation - Jessy L. Brown, PhD, CCC-SLP, MT-BC
	RMS-Normalized CPPS Does Not Better Predict Change in Auditory-Perceptual Evaluation of Dysphonia Pre/Post Therapy - Opal Taylor, PhD

	Validation of a Novel Adaptive Approach: Step-Up Voice Handicap Assessment - Selena Zhang, BS	
	Practice Patterns and Beliefs of Voice SLPs: Patient-Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) - Katherine Marks, PhD, CCC-SLP	
	OpenGlottal: Closing the Usability Gap in High-Speed Videoendoscopy with Real-Time Segmentation and Asymmetric Kinematics - Harikrishnan Unnikrishnan, PhD	
	Grading the Severity of Acute Laryngeal Injury: A Novel Scale - Caroline Christmann, MD	
	Q&A – Audience Discussion	
9:50 – 10:05 AM	Break: Exhibit and Poster Viewing	
10:05 – 11:00 AM	Panel #3: Integrating Psychological Care in Voice, Swallowing, Upper Airway Disorders <i>Moderator: Stephanie Misono, MD, MPH</i> <i>Panelists: Brett Welch, PhD, CCC-SLP, Christina New, PhD, Richard Robinson, PhD, Molly Huston, MD</i>	
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Session #8: Damage and Repair: Webs, Scars, & Trauma <i>Moderated by: Mark Gilbert, MD</i>	Session #9: Voice, Mind & Body <i>Moderated by: Jane Salois, PhD, CCC-SLP</i>
	Butterfly mucosal flap technique for the treatment of anterior glottic web: Experience on 35 patients - Taner Yilmaz, MD	Personality Traits and Interoceptive Dimensions in Refractory Chronic Cough With and Without Anxiety - Miranda Wright, PhD, CCC-SLP
	Relationship Between Combination Inhaled Corticosteroids Onset and Voice Disorder Diagnosis - Russell Belza deJesus, MS, CCC-SLP	Autonomic Reactivity and Psychological Vulnerability in Primary Muscle Tension Dysphonia - Julianna Smeltzer, MS, CCC-SLP
	A Novel Approach to Studying the Impact of Platelet Rich Plasma on Vocal Fold Scar: a leporine in vivo phonation model - Aleeza Leder Macek, MD	Health Anxiety in Voice Disorders: Associations with Professional Voice Use and Psychiatric Comorbidity - Caroline Murrah, CCC-SLP
	Effects of Methylprednisolone on Rabbit Vocal Fold Epithelial Wound Healing in an In Vitro Scratch Assay - Mengya Mark, MD, MS	Measuring mental effort in voice technique change via pupil dilation - Eva van Leer, PhD, MFA, CCC-SLP
	Open Fixation Improves Mechanical Strength in an Ovine Model of Laryngeal Fracture - Mohamed Aboueisha, MD Q&A – Audience Discussion	Auditory–Somatosensory Influences on Vocal Motor Control in Primary Muscle Tension Dysphonia - Elizabeth D Young, PhD, CCC-SLP
	Preclinical outcomes of Transforming Growth Factor-β3 (TGF-β3) in the prevention of vocal fold scarring in a rabbit model - Chloe Santa Maria, MD MPH	Botulinum Toxin Treatment for Adductor Laryngeal Dystonia Reduces Speech-Related Cognitive Load - Madeline Knutson, M.S., CCC-SLP
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11:45 – 1:15 PM	Lunch on Own (<i>Check out the Lunch & Learn Opportunities at Fall Voice!</i>)	
1:15 – 2:10 PM	Session #10: Frontiers in Stenosis <i>Moderated by Matthew Hoffman, MD, PhD</i>	Session #11: Innovation in Dysphagia Evaluation <i>Moderated by Rachel Norotsky, MS, CCC-SLP</i>
	Prospective study of telemonitoring feasibility, usability, and acceptability in subglottic stenosis - Ethan Robertson, BA, BS	Change in Manometric Measures Before and After Intensive Swallow Exercises - Melanie Turner Tice, MS, CCC-SLP
	Elevated BMI is not associated with adverse outcomes in open airway reconstruction - Dylan Bertoni, MD	Patients with dysphagia commonly mis-localize their symptoms - Shadi Shinnawi, MD, MPH
	Larger Endotracheal Tubes are Associated with Adverse Clinical Outcomes: an 84,000 Patient, Single-Institution, Retrospective Study - Radhika Duggal, MD, MA, MS	Diagnostic accuracy of the gugging swallowing screen (GUSS) in detecting aspiration and dysphagia in patients with unilateral vocal fold paralysis - İlayda Gündüz, MSc, SLP, PhD(c)
	Inside-Out Partial Tracheal Resection with Stenting for Complex Airway Stenosis - Joseph Kidane, MD	Dysphagia Screening in Community-Dwelling Older Adults: EAT-10 Outcomes Compared to Established Norms - Sofiya Yusina, BS
	Investigating Diagnostic Delay in Idiopathic Subglottic Stenosis: A Cross-Sectional Survey - Evan Edwards, MD, MME	Bolus Property–Dependent Variation in Normative High-Resolution Pharyngeal Manometry with Impedance Across the Adult Age Span - Kate Davidson, MS, CCC-SLP
	Adjuvant Low-Dose Irradiation in a Murine Model of Laryngotracheal Stenosis - Benjamin Anthony, MD FACS	Acoustic Analysis of Swallowing Sounds Using Machine Learning to Identify Aspiration Risk - Andrew Yousef, MD
	Long-Term Outcomes of Laser Wedge Excision Technique for Idiopathic Subglottic Stenosis - Andrew Awadallah, BS Q&A – Audience Discussion	Endoscopic quantification of laryngeal aspiration using digital colorimetry in rats - Stephen Leong, MD Q&A – Audience Discussion
2:10 – 3:00 PM	Session #12: Neurolaryngology <i>Moderated by Elizabeth Shuman, MD</i>	Session #13: Vocal Demand and Therapy Outcomes <i>Moderated by Samantha Kridgen, CCC-SLP</i>
	The Effect of Interposition Nerve Graft Length on Outcomes of Laryngeal Reinnervation - Pranati Pillutla, MD Respiratory Kinematics Reveal Phenotypic Differences in Essential Vocal Tremor and Laryngeal Dystonia with Vocal Tremor - Amanda Stark, PhD, CCC-SLP	Effects of Vocal Warm-Up and Cool-Down Exercises on Subjective and Acoustic Voice Outcomes Following Vocal Loading: A Randomized Controlled Trial - İlayda Gündüz, MSc, SLP, PhD(c) Semi-Occluded Vocal Tract Exercises on YouTube: Content and Sentiment Analyses – Pinhong Wu

	Psychiatric Disorders in Laryngeal Dystonia: A Retrospective Cohort Study - Lauren Ross, BA	Associations between Cepstral Peak Prominence (CPP) and Perceptual Dimensions of Voice Quality in Voice Therapy Outcomes - Melanie Turner Tice, MS, CCC-SLP
	Evidence of Altered Function of the Brain Cortex based on Body Position in Laryngeal Dystonia - Jenny Pierce, PhD, CCC-SLP	Development and Initial Validation of Phonation Quotient for Connected Speech (PQ-CS): A Low-Cost, Indirect Aerodynamic Measure of Phonatory Airflow - James Curtis, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S
	Vocal fold atrophy in an Alzheimer's disease rat model - Stephen Leong, MD	Preliminary Validation of a Multi-Parameter Stimulability Testing Rating Scale - Elizabeth D Young, PhD, CCC-SLP
	Clinical Underdetection of Dystonic Tremor in Laryngeal Dystonia: Evidence from Automated Acoustic Analysis - Daniel Du, BAS	Virtual Reality Classrooms: Audiovisual Influences on Teachers' Vocal Output and Perceived Vocal Demand - Ümit Daşdöğen, PhD, CCC-SLP
	The effects of clear speech on vocal aerodynamic measurements in people with Parkinson's disease - Daniel Buckley, MS, CCC-SLP	Longitudinal Voice Outcomes and Neoglottic Function after Supracricoid Partial Laryngectomy (SCPL) - Rachel Bolognone, MS, CCC-SLP
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3:00 – 3:30 PM	Break: Exhibit and Poster Viewing	
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Session #14: Paresis and Asymmetry <i>Moderated by Shannon Kraft, MD</i>	
	The Impact of Etiology on Time to Vocal Fold Motion Recovery in Unilateral Vocal Fold Paralysis - Rishi Suresh, MD	
	Awake Vocal Fold Injection with the Laryngeal Introducer Technique: A Retrospective Outcome Study - Jingdian Huang, Medical Student, BA	
	Baseline Vocal Fold Vibratory Asymmetry and Closing Dynamics in Subsequent Phonotraumatic Changes - Laura Toles, PhD CCC-SLP	
	Characterizing Stroboscopic Features of Vocal Fold Paresis Using Concordant Findings - Christine Clark, MD, MSc	
	Q&A – Audience Discussion	
4:00 – 4:55 PM	Panel #4: Complex Clinical Cases <i>Moderated by Tanya Meyer, MD</i> <i>Panelists: J Austin Collum, MA, CCC-SLP, Lindsay Reder, MD, Ronda Alexander, MD, Emily Wilson, MS, CCC-SLP</i>	
4:55 – 5:00 PM	Closing Remarks	

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