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** *Moderated by Renee King, PhD, CCC-SLP*
	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** *Moderated by Laurie Slovarp, PhD, CCC-SLP*
	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 – **Necati Enver, 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** *Moderator: Teresa Procter, SLPD, CCC-SLP, MM* *Panelists: Claudio Milstein, PhD, CCC-SLP, Emily Nauman, MA, CCC-SLP, James Daniero, MD, MS, Levi Keller, MD*
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** *Moderated by Felicia Francois, BM, MS, CCC-SLP*
	Sutureless Modified Wendler Glottoplasty for Voice Feminization - **Austin Cao, MD**
	The Impact of Face and Voice Congruency on Perception of Gender - **Ümit Daşdöğen, 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**
	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** *Moderated by Nina Zhao, MD, MAEd*	**Session #5: Care Models** *Moderated by Charles Nudelman, PhD, CCC-SLP*
	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 – **Yue Ma, 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**
	Pelvic Floor Dysfunction in Patients with Retrograde Cricopharyngeus Dysfunction: A Retrospective Case Series- **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 – **Clark Rosen, 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** *Moderator: Yin Yiu, MD* *Panelists: Brian Nuyen, MD, Preeti Sivasankar, PhD, CCC-SLP, Yael Bensoussan, MD, Sarah Kervin, MS, CCC-SLP*	
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** *Moderated by Ruth Davis, MD*
	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** *Moderated by Umit Dasdogen, PhD, CCC-SLP*
	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 – **Morgan Raskin, MS, 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** *Moderator: Stephanie Misono, MD, MPH* *Panelists: Brett Welch, PhD, CCC-SLP, Christina New, PhD, Richard Robinson, PhD, Molly Huston, MD*	
11:00 – 11:45 AM	**Session #8: Damage and Repair: Webs, Scars, & Trauma** *Moderated by:* Mark Gilbert, MD	**Session #9: Voice, Mind & Body** *Moderated by: Jane Salois, PhD, CCC-SLP*
	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** *(Check out the Lunch & Learn Opportunities at Fall Voice!)*	
1:15 – 2:10 PM	**Session #10: Frontiers in Stenosis** *Moderated by Matthew Hoffman, MD, PhD*	**Session #11: Innovation in Dysphagia Evaluation** *Moderated by Rachel Norotsky, MS, CCC-SLP*
	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**	Endoscopic quantification of laryngeal aspiration using digital colorimetry in rats - **Stephen Leong, MD**
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2:10 – 3:00 PM	**Session #12: Neurolaryngology** *Moderated by Elizabeth Shuman, MD*	**Session #13: Vocal Demand and Therapy Outcomes** *Moderated by Samantha Kridgen, CCC-SLP*
	The Effect of Interposition Nerve Graft Length on Outcomes of Laryngeal Reinnervation - **Pranati Pillutla, MD**	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)**
	Respiratory Kinematics Reveal Phenotypic Differences in Essential Vocal Tremor and Laryngeal Dystonia with Vocal Tremor - **Amanda Stark, PhD, CCC-SLP**	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** *Moderated by Shannon Kraft, MD*	
	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** *Moderated by Tanya Meyer, MD* *Panelists: J Austin Collum, MA, CCC-SLP, Lindsay Reder, MD, Ronda Alexander, MD, Emily Wilson, MS, CCC-SLP*	
4:55 – 5:00 PM	**Closing Remarks**	

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