



Professional Day

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Feeding Difficulties and Aspiration in CHARGE Syndrome

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Presenter Information

Dr. Hart is a faculty member in the Division of Otolaryngology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She has fellowship training in the management of pediatric airway disorders and specializes in the management of children with complex aerodigestive disorders. She is a member of the CHARGE Clinic at Cincinnati Children's and cares for multiple children with CHARGE syndrome every month.

Presentation Abstract

Dysphagia and aspiration are common in children with CHARGE syndrome, affecting 90% and 60% of children, respectively. There are anatomic, developmental, and behavioral factors that contribute to dysphagia and aspiration. These will be discussed along with diagnostic considerations and management options.

Learning Objectives

- Understand anatomic, developmental and behavioral considerations that contribute to feeding difficulty in children with CHARGE syndrome.
- Recognize risk factors for aspiration and discuss diagnostic considerations and management options.