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Sacred Heart Hospital on The Emerald Coast
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Timed Agenda

7:00-8:00  Check In
8:00 - 9:30am  MDTP - What is it? How does it differ from what we currently do?
                AND
                Current evidence supporting MDTP
9:30- 10:30 am  Exercise principles in MDTP part 1
10:30-10:45 am  Break
10:45 - 11:30 am  Exercise principles in MDTP part 2
11:30 - 12:00 noon  The MDTP Food Hierarchy
12:00 - 1:00 pm  Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 pm  Swallowing Assessment and Outcome Protocols for MDTP
3:00 - 3:15 pm  Break
3:15 - 5:45 pm  Step by Step Therapy Procedures for MDTP
5:45 - 6:00 pm  Questions and Answers

Objectives

Upon completion of this course participants will be able to...
1. Describe the components of MDTP therapy and differentiate this approach from more traditional therapy.
2. Describe current clinical research supporting MDTP therapy.
3. Explain how MDTP uses exercise principles to improve swallow function.
4. Explain physiologic changes in swallowing that may result from various foods/liquids.
5. Use specific clinical tools in the evaluation of patients for participation in MDTP therapy.
6. Conduct MDTP therapy sessions and monitor patient progress and outcome.

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