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Ask a Speech Pathologist about Communication & Swallowing

by guest presenter **Laura Purcell Verdun, M. A., CCC/SLP**

Thursday, May 15, 2014

For family and professional caregivers

Register Online Today by clicking the link below.
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Webinar will be 30 minutes in length.

All attendees will be entered into a drawing for a CD by Janet Edmunson, M.Ed.

7:00 p.m. (Eastern)
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Webinar Description: When caring for a loved one, some of the hardest issues to deal with are changes to your loved one's ability to speak and communicate their needs and wants, and continue to swallow easily and safely. These are especially common problems with neurological disease, stroke and some forms of cancer. Ms. Verdun will answer questions that we receive in advance from caregivers as well as live questions you ask during the webinar. Learn from an expert on this topic so you are prepared for this difficult aspect of some disease progression. In addition to answering your questions, Ms. Verdun will also describe what to look for when you are searching for a speech pathologist, how a speech pathologist can help, and ways to ensure that insurance will pay for these services.

About Laura Purcell Verdun, SLP: Ms. Verdun is in private practice with Voicetrainer LLC in Washington, DC and northern Virginia. She has worked for more than 20 years in the clinical care of voice, airway, speech, and swallowing disorders.

Ms. Verdun received her M.A. in Speech Pathology from Saint Louis University. She holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) from the American Speech Language Hearing Association. She is a licensed Speech Pathologist in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia. She completed her clinical fellowship training and remained as an Assistant Professor with the Johns Hopkins Hospital and Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery. She completed an 18 month tour as a research speech pathologist with the Laryngeal & Speech Section of the NIDCD & NINDS/NIH. Additionally, her clinical experience includes Inova Fairfax Hospital, the Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center/NIH, and Otolaryngology Associates, PC. She has been an Adjunct Professor with Gallaudet University teaching the graduate course on voice and its disorders.

Ms. Verdun presently serves on the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health Professions Board of Audiology & Speech Pathology, the CurePSP Medical Professional Committee, and previously the CurePSP Board of Directors. She serves as a medical representative to the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association Northern Virginia and Washington, DC support groups. She is a member of the Dysphagia Research Society, American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, Movement Disorders Society, Speech & Hearing Association of Virginia, and the DC Speech & Hearing Association.

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For Additional Information: You can contact Janet at janet@janetedmunson.com with any questions you have about participating.