

Drugs and Dysphagia: An International Webinar 2025
 Theme: Optimizing medication management for patients with dysphagia
 Date: 28/02/2025
 Time: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
 Platform: Zoom meeting

Target Audience: Physicians (General Practitioners, Geriatricians, Neurologists, Gastroenterologists, ENT Specialists, Oncologists, Palliative Care Specialists), Pharmacists, Nurses, Speech-Language Pathologists, Dietitians, Researchers, Caregivers.

Overall Goal: To enhance understanding of the complex interplay between medications and dysphagia, and to promote best practices in medication management for patients with swallowing difficulties.

Time	Topic
9:00	Welcome
9:10	Anatomical and Physiological basis of pill swallowing
10:00	Hard pill to swallow: Difficulties in taking medications in typical and clinical populations.
10:30	Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics: Understanding how medications are absorbed, metabolized, drug interactions, and excreted.
11:00	Medication Review: Reviewing a patient's medications as part of the dysphagia evaluation process. Medications for Specific Disorders: Medications commonly prescribed for conditions that can cause dysphagia, such as neurological disorders, stroke, and head and neck cancers.
11:30	Break
12:00	Assessment of pill swallowing: Clinical and instrumental evaluation of pill swallowing in individuals with dysphagia.
12:30	Teaching safe and efficient pill swallowing: Dos & Donts, Facilitating and compensating for the pill swallowing.
13:15	Q & A
13:30	Lunch break
14:30	Drug-induced dysphagia: Different medications can affect swallowing function and contribute to dysphagia.

15:00	Screening for risk and assessment of drug-induced dysphagia: Understanding the possibility of drug-induced dysphagia, degree, and pathophysiology of dysphagia.
15:30	Impact of drug-induced dysphagia and its challenges: Nutrition, medication, and outcomes.
16:00	Break
16:30	Managing drug-induced dysphagia: How to cope with the side effects of drugs on swallowing.
17:00	Pharmacological Management of Swallowing Disorders: Treatment options involving medications to manage swallowing disorders.
17:30	Medication Education for Patients and Families: Educating patients and their families about the impact of medications on swallowing and how to manage side effects.
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