

The Susan Langmore Advanced FEES™ Course



Date TBD

Boston University Medical Center, Boston, MA
Center for Voice and Swallowing

This is a one-day course for clinicians who already perform the Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) procedure. It is meant to enhance the participants understanding of interpretation, scoring, current protocols, and the latest research in the field of dysphagia.

Registration: Please register online at <http://www.bmc.org/otolaryngology/continuing-medical-education-langmore-fees-courses.htm>

Cost: \$325 per person (early registration); \$350 per person (regular registration).

Additional Information: Additional information is available on the registration page listed above. You may also contact the course coordinator, Gintas Krisciunas, at (617) 414-1756 or gintas@bu.edu, or the BUMC Department of Otolaryngology at (617) 638-7933.

Overview: This program is geared toward clinicians who have been using FEES for at least one year, and who want more advanced training in scoring and interpreting FEES exams. The faculty will have videos to review, but participants are encouraged to bring their own videos that were challenging to interpret and/or proved challenging in recommending diet or rehabilitation options. Throughout the 8 hour workshop, participants will have an opportunity to sharpen their skills, share their experience and calibrate their scoring and interpretation skills against other participants and the faculty. This program is offered for 0.65 CEU's (Intermediate level; Professional area), and a certificate of completion is provided to participants who complete all parts of the 1-day course.

Learner Outcomes: On conclusion of the program, the participants will be able to:

1. Summarize the latest FEES research.
2. Identify normal vs. abnormal swallowing.
3. Assess FEES exams using standard scoring instruments.
4. Understand and interpret findings from FEES exams in different patient populations and in different clinical settings.
5. Explain how and when to use endoscopy as a biofeedback tool to manage patients with dysphagia.
6. Describe current requirements for training, billing and reimbursement for FEES.

Conference Faculty: The course is taught by Susan Langmore, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S. She developed FEES in 1988 and she has used FEES with all types of adult patients and dysphagia etiologies. She has worked in ICU, inpatient, outpatient, and nursing home settings. Dr. Langmore has carried an active clinical caseload for over 30 years, mentors BU doctoral students, conducts NIH funded clinical research, and speaks on dysphagia nationally and internationally. Instructor Disclosure: Susan is a grant funded

investigator at Boston University Medical Center. She has no other relevant financial or nonfinancial relationship to disclose.



Susan Langmore, PhD

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Dr. Langmore teaches this advanced course with two colleagues that specialize in the use of FEES with the inpatient population.

Rebecca Scheel, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S has 21 years of clinical experience as a SLP, has established two FEES programs, and specializes in dysphagia with all age groups. She currently works in acute care and outpatient settings and is involved in NIH funded clinical research. Instructor Disclosure: Rebecca Scheel is a salaried employee of Boston Medical Center. She is also paid by Boston University to teach an advanced dysphagia course. She has no other financial or nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

Edel McNally, MS, CCC-SLP, has 19 years of clinical experience in both rehabilitation and acute care settings. She is currently a senior SLP at BMC, a guest lecturer at BU, and is involved in NIH funded clinical research. Instructor Disclosure: Edel McNally is a salaried employee of Boston Medical Center. She is also paid by Boston University to teach an advanced dysphagia course. She has no other financial or nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

Sample Conference Schedule

- 8:30 AM *Registration & Continental Breakfast (provided)*
- 9:00 AM **Introduction**
Share participants' experience in using FEES; professional issues; clinical issues; set priorities for the day's agenda
- 9:30 AM **Protocols and Scoring Systems**
Research updates regarding protocols and scoring, including sensory testing, use of lidocaine, and new protocols
- 10:30 AM *Break*
- 11:00 AM **Scoring FEES**
Review of anatomy. Scoring residue on FEES vs. MBS – an exercise for the participants. Development of the Boston Residue and Clearing Scale (BRACS)
- 12:30 PM *Lunch (provided)*
- 1:30 PM **Cases from the Audience**
View recorded FEES studies done by participants for critique, discussion, to answer questions, problem solve, etc.
- Note:** If possible, please bring one recorded FEES video and accompanying case information for a procedure that was difficult to perform or interpret. Cases will be collected and reviewed before the start of the course so they can be viewed anonymously if desired. While the faculty will have case studies, the learning experience is always more robust when clinicians contribute new, unique, and challenging cases.
- 2:00 PM **Scoring Practice**
Scoring entire FEES exams using the Boston Medical Center score sheet
- 3:30 PM *Break*
- 4:00 PM **Use of FEES Across Settings & Populations**
Case studies: discuss protocols, findings, interpretation, and management of patients in different settings (ICU/IP/OP), and with different dysphagia etiologies (head and neck cancer, stroke, Parkinson's/PSP, ALS, Dementia, Globus, etc.)
- 5:30 PM *Adjourn*



Boston University is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. **See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area.** ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

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Surrounding Area: Boston University Medical Center (BUMC) is located on the edge of Boston's historic South End. The South End, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is the country's largest neighborhood of Victorian brownstone row houses, and is dotted with parks, excellent local restaurants, and shops. A 20 minute walk from BUMC through the South End will take you to the heart of Boston, to the famed shopping of Newbury Street and the beautiful paths of the Charles River Reservation.



Course Location:

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Medical Center Map: Course location circled below

