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About Miami Children’s Hospital

Founded in 1950 by Variety Clubs International, Miami Children’s Hospital® is South Florida’s only licensed specialty hospital exclusively for children, with more than 650 attending physicians and over 130 pediatric subspecialists. The 289-bed hospital is renowned for excellence in all aspects of pediatric medicine with specialty programs ranked among the best in the nation in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 by U.S. News & World Report. The hospital is also home to the largest pediatric teaching program in the southeastern United States and has been designated an American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet facility, the nursing profession’s most prestigious institutional honor.

“Speech Issues in Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Populations”

October 26, 2013
8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Miami Children’s Hospital Auditorium
3100 SW 62nd Ave., Miami, FL
Overview:
This program will provide participants the opportunity to become familiar with the interdisciplinary team approach for cleft lip/cleft palate patients with a specific focus on speech and feeding issues.

Course Objectives
Upon completion of this seminar, the participants will be able to:
• Discuss the effects of orofacial anomalies on speech and resonance.
• Identify the characteristics and causes of resonance disorders.
• List the types and causes of velopharyngeal dysfunction.
• Use appropriate procedures for assessment of resonance and velopharyngeal function.
• Describe various treatment options for resonance disorders and velopharyngeal dysfunction, including surgical procedures, prosthetic devices, and speech therapy.
• Apply appropriate therapeutic techniques for individuals in this population.

Target Audience:
Speech/Language professionals involved in the care of individuals with cleft lip/palate. Other healthcare professionals are welcome to attend.

The course fee is $85 early registration prior to September 26 and $100 after September 26.

Course fee includes course materials, certificate of attendance, breakfast and lunch. Space is limited.

Course Cancellation Policy
MCH reserves the right to cancel this seminar in case of insufficient registration or unforeseen circumstances. We take no responsibility for expenses incurred by applicants if a course must be cancelled. Course fee will be refunded in such a situation.