

Communication and Swallowing Management of Tracheostomized and Ventilator Dependant Adults, 2E

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This book is written for speech language pathologists specializing in providing services for tracheostomy and ventilator-dependent patients. The first edition of the book was published in 1995.

The authors' purpose is to integrate current theory and clinical application in the management of tracheostomized and ventilator-dependent adults. The book is written in technical but clear terms to serve speech-language pathologist in the management of the medical and communication needs of this challenging population. The authors meet their objectives by providing updated information on the importance of communication and swallowing on a client's comprehensive care plan.

This book is specifically written for the speech-language pathologist specializing in the management of tracheostomized and ventilator-dependent clients on an interdisciplinary team. It does, however, provide an overview of normal and disordered respiratory and phonatory systems that could be used in an academic setting for the education of speech-language pathologists. The authors are speech-language pathologists who have written numerous peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and have presented on this subject nationally and internationally. They are directors of acute and long-term care facilities and continue to serve this challenging population.

The authors provide wonderful illustrations to educate the reader on the normal and disordered respiratory and phonatory systems, giving full explanations of core vocabulary in the text and tables. The book covers oral and non-oral communication options and then provides case vignettes to enable the practitioner to apply information in a functional manner. The book also covers the interrelationship of tracheostomies, ventilators, and swallowing. Throughout the book, illustrations, and figures show anatomy, types of tracheostomy tubes, speaking valves, communication systems, videofluoroscopic equipment, actual patients, etc. Tables are provided to demonstrate information such as lung volumes and capacity definitions, disability continuum, etc. The glossary continues to facilitate the learning process. The illustrations and tables alone make this a valuable purchase.

The quality of the book is exceptional. It is an excellent tool for a practicing speech-language pathologist in a medical or rehabilitative setting and also for those in academia. It provides the reader with a core foundation of not only disordered respiratory and phonatory systems but also normal systems from which to gain a better understanding of how to provide treatment. The chapter on non-oral communication is extensive and extremely helpful for not only ventilator-dependent adults but those with other debilitating neurological impairments. It was important to produce a second edition due to the advances speech-language pathologists have made in the management of dysphagia and the inclusion of therapists on interdisciplinary teams.

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Communication and Swallowing Management of Tracheostomized and Ventilator-Dependent Adults, 2E, is written by Karen Dikeman, MA, CCC-SLP and Marta Kazandjian, MA, CCC-SLP, who have designed a program for adults who are ventilator dependent. The book is a volume in the Dysphagia Series published by Thomson Delmar Learning.

The book provides up-to-date information on treating the tracheostomized and ventilator dependent population. It covers the structure of the respiratory and phonatory systems and discusses special programs. The authors emphasize the importance of individualizing each protocol. They include detailed diagrams, real-life pictures of procedures, and the tools and machinery relevant to the field.

This useful resource assists in clinical decision-making regarding patient treatment based on clinical and research information. The manual provides detailed explanations that help clinicians ease into procedures. The one-stop reference guide also includes policies and procedures required by government.

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