



# Neonatal and Infant FEES Course: A Multidisciplinary Approach

**Live Event:** May 29 – 31, 2025

**Presented by:** Baylor University Medical Center, part of Baylor Scott & White Health

**Location:** Baylor University Medical Center, Sammons Hospital – 10th Floor – Dallas, Texas

**Hosted by:** Select Medical in partnership with Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation

## Description

An intermediate-level course for the creation and implementation of a multidisciplinary neonatal and infant fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing (FEES) program. This is not an advanced FEES course. This course will also include an overview of neonatal therapy practice.

Participants will receive three days of didactic education, infant FEES video interpretation, and an opportunity for interactive role play to perform a bottle and breastfeeding FEES procedure with an infant simulation doll and FEES equipment. The pre-conference offering will include hands on training in passing and handling the endoscope safely and effectively. The participants in the pre-conference will be performing endoscopy on each other.

## Course Objectives

- Describe at least two anatomical and physiological abnormalities viewed endoscopically that contribute to infant dysphagia.
- Distinguish at least two clinical indications for neonatal VFSS and FEES.
- Identify the appropriate sequence for neonatal and infant bottle feeding and breastfeeding during FEES.
- Identify two abnormal swallowing parameters observed during neonatal and infant FEES.
- Identify at least three key components necessary to implement a multidisciplinary neonatal and infant FEES program.
- Recognize the impact of at least two feeding problems on the infant/parent dyad.

## Presenting Faculty

**Jenny Reynolds, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, CLC, CNT, PhD (c)**

**Kristin Taylor, M/OT, CLC, CNT, NTMTC**

**Brittany Rush, CCC-SLP, CNT**

**Caren Michel, OTR/L, CNT**

**Romaine Johnson, MD, MPH, FACS**

Pediatric Otolaryngologist

**Mustafa Suterwala, MD, Pediatric Hospitalist**

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**Dates:** May 29 – 31, 2025

**Education Level:** Intermediate

**Target Audience:** Speech-Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists,  
Physical Therapists, Nurses, & Physicians.

**Instructional Methods:** PowerPoint, Video Case Studies, Question & Answer

## Scientific Program

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### Jenny Reynolds, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, CLC, CNT, PhD (c)

Jenny Reynolds is an advanced clinical specialist in the Level IV NICU at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. Jenny is a board-certified swallowing specialist, certified lactation counselor and certified neonatal therapist, as well as an adjunct lecturer for multiple graduate school programs in communication sciences and disorders. Her research areas are pediatric feeding and swallowing, including infant FEES. There are no financial or non-financial disclosures.

### Kristin Taylor, M/OT, CLC, CNT, NTMTC

Kristin Taylor is an advanced clinical therapist in the Level III NICU at Baylor All Saints Medical Center – Fort Worth since 2006. She is a certified neonatal therapist, certified lactation counselor, and certified in neonatal touch and massage. A member of the National Association of Neonatal Therapists, Kristin has presented on topics such as breastfeeding in the NICU, building a NICU team / program, and feeding clinical problem solving. Her research interests include FEES breastfeeding / bottle feeding, cranial molding, and general movement assessment. There are no financial or non-financial disclosures.

### Brittany Rush, CCC-SLP, CNT

Brittany Rush is an ASHA certified speech language pathologist specializing in evaluation and treatment of feeding and swallowing disorders. She is also a certified neonatal therapist. She currently serves as a clinical specialist for the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation department at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. There are no financial or nonfinancial disclosures.

## Interactive Format

- ▶ Video case studies with interpretation.
- ▶ Examples of protocols and procedures.
- ▶ Program assessment and tool and scoring forms
- ▶ Access to videos of infant FEES setup and procedure.
- ▶ Interactive question and answer opportunities throughout the event.

### Caren Michel, OT, CNT

Caren Michel is a certified neonatal therapist and an advanced clinical therapist at the Level IV NICU of Baylor University Medical Center. With over 30 years of experience as an Occupational Therapist, she is a member of the National Association of Neonatal Therapists.

### Romaine Johnson, MD, MPH, FACS, Pediatric Otolaryngologist

Dr. Johnson is an associate professor of otolaryngology at UT Southwestern Medical Center. He serves as director of the Children's Health Airway Management Program and directs the pediatric otolaryngology fellowship at Children's Medical Center Dallas. His clinical interests include all aspects of the pediatric airway and childhood feeding disorders. There are no financial or non-financial disclosures.

### Mustafa Suterwala, MD, Pediatric Hospitalist

Dr. Suterwala is a pediatric subspecialist, practicing neonatal and prenatal medicine for more than 25 years. He is currently employed by MEDNAX, a large medical group of neonatal, maternal-fetal, and pediatric physicians. He works at Baylor University Medical Center and sees NICU graduates and medically complex children in the hospital's outpatient TOTS Clinic. There are no financial or non-financial disclosures.

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## Registration – Three Day Course

**Main Course Only:** \$699

**Main Course + Pre Con (Endoscopy Lab) \*SLP & MD Only\*:** \$750

**Pre Con Only (Endoscopy Lab) \*SLP & MD Only\*:** \$250

Online registration closes **May 27, 2025, at 12:00 AM CST.**

Pre-registration for the conference is required.

Register at: <https://ce.bswhealth.com/NICUFEESCOURSE>

**Register by April 1st  
for \$50 off your  
course registration!\***

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## Program Agenda

**Pre Conference:** Endoscopist Training and Introduction to FEES Equipment

**Day One:** Foundational Knowledge of Neonatal therapy and Components of a Neonatal FEES program

**Day Two:** Neonatal FEES Protocol and Case Study Review

### Thursday, May 29, 2025

- 7:30 am Registration
- 8:00 am Welcome & Introduction to Endoscopy & Equipment
- 8:45 am Endoscopy Training Passes on Healthy Participants
- 12:00 pm Pre-Conference Adjourns

**Main Course Day 1:** Overview of FEES & the Pediatric ENT Perspective

- 1:00 p.m. Main Conference Registration
- 2:00 pm Welcome & Overview of FEES, Literature Review of FEES, Comparison of VFSS and FEES
- 3:30 pm Neonatal/Pediatric FEES: The Pediatric Otolaryngologist Perspective, Dr. Romaine Johnson
- 6:00 pm Adjourn

\*\*Welcome Reception will directly follow the conclusion of Day 1\*\*  
Come join us for some light refreshments!

### Friday, May 30, 2025

- 7:00 am Registration, Breakfast & Exhibitors
- 8:00 am Neonatal Bottle-Feeding FEES Procedure: Preparation & Setup; During the Exam
- 10:15 am Break & Exhibitors
- 10:30 am Neonatal Bottle-Feeding FEES Procedure: During the Exam
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Neonatal Bottle-Feeding FEES Procedure: After the Exam
- 1:30 pm Neonatal Breastfeeding FEES Exam
- 2:45 pm Break
- 3:00 pm Neonatal FEES Simulation Lab
- 5:00 pm Exploring Multidisciplinary Team Experiences: A Comparison
- 6:00 pm Adjourn

### Saturday, May 31, 2025

- 7:00 am Registration, Breakfast & Exhibitors
- 8:00 am FEES Protocol: Scoring the FEES Exam and Introduction to Report Writing, Q & A
- 9:30 am Neonatal FEES Diagnostic Case Studies: Respiratory, Q & A
- 11:00 a.m. Break & Exhibitors
- 11:15 am Neonatal FEES Diagnostic Case Studies: Neurological, Q & A
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Neonatal FEES Diagnostic Case Studies: Airway, Q & A
- 2:30 pm Neonatal FEES Diagnostic Case Studies: Comparison of Breast & Bottle FEES
- 3:15 pm Break & Exhibitors
- 3:30 pm Building a Neonatal FEES Program: Preparation, Protocol, Competency, Training, and Implementation
- 4:30 pm Panel: Overcoming Facility Specific Barriers
- 5:30 pm Adjourn

## Accreditation and Credit Designations



**ASHA Credit:** This conference is offered for up to 2.45 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate Level, Professional Area). To be eligible for CE credit, signing in and out on the roster each day is required. Partial credit is available and will be calculated based on sign-in and sign-out for each day of the course.

**Certificates:** Certificates will be distributed via email following the program, provided all information is completed.

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**Grievances:** If you have any questions or comments regarding this program, please email [Brittany.Rush@BSWHealth.org](mailto:Brittany.Rush@BSWHealth.org) within 72 hours of the course offering.

**Questions:** If you have any questions about course content, program implementation, or further FEES course training opportunities, please email [Jenny.Reynolds@BSWHealth.org](mailto:Jenny.Reynolds@BSWHealth.org).

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