

Course Instructors

Byron Kubik is a Speech Language Pathologist who works together with Eric Blom, Ph.D. at CENTA the Center for Ear, Nose, Throat & Allergy in Carmel, IN. Byron previously worked for many years at the University of North Carolina specializing in Post-Laryngectomy Voice Restoration.



Byron Kubik, M.S.

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Eric D. Blom, Ph.D.

Dr. Blom is the co-inventor of the Blom-Singer voice prosthesis that has enabled thousands of people worldwide who have lost their voices because of cancer to have speech restored. As a speech therapist, he has dedicated much of his professional life to the development of voice prostheses and

techniques that have made tracheoesophageal voice restoration the preferred method of acquiring speech after laryngectomy. Dr. Blom's personal experience of fitting thousands of patients with voice prostheses has given him the knowledge and skill to enable patients to quickly regain their voices after laryngectomy.

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Laryngectomy Faculty

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Melanie Griggs

Marianne Wright

William Gayle

Clinical practice session with patients



Byron Kubik helping patient William Gayle.

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This course is offered for 1.05 ASHA CEUs (Introductory, Professional Area)

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Tracheoesophageal Puncture and Prosthesis for Post-Laryngectomy Voice Restoration

2019

1.5 Day Course Instruction

Learn the fundamentals of post-laryngectomy voice restoration that enable laryngectomees to speak again.

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In 1978, Drs. Blom and Singer pioneered the method of tracheoesophageal puncture and valved silicone voice prosthesis that over the past 40 years has become the international standard for voice restoration following total laryngectomy.

Course Description

This 1.5 day clinically-oriented course will focus on all aspects of tracheoesophageal puncture and prosthesis for post-laryngectomy voice restoration.

Course Learning Objectives

1. Pre-operative selection criteria and assessment methods. The learner will describe pre-operative surgical considerations and TE speech assessment methods.

2. Surgical techniques: The learner will describe surgical techniques related to TE puncture.

3. Prosthesis fitting and management: The learner will demonstrate hands-on TE fitting and placement competency – live demonstrations.

4. Approaches to assessing and solving post-operative difficulties: The learner will demonstrate and describe the assessment and management of post-operative TE complications – subject matter will be thoroughly illustrated.

In order to be eligible for ASHA continuing education credits, the participant will be expected to participate in an assessment of the learning objectives via demonstration or self assessment tool.

2019 Course Dates

Course registration is limited to 12 participants.

- **March 22-23**
- **May 10-11**
- **July 12-13**
- **August 23-24**
- **October 11-12**
- **December 6-7**

Friday

- 8:15 Registration
- 8:30 Historical Perspective
- 9:00 Patient Selection Considerations
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Tracheoesophageal Puncture
- 10:45 Management of Pharyngeal Constrictor Muscle Tonicity
- 11:15 Laryngectomy with Primary Voice Restoration
- 11:45 Questions and Discussion
- 12:00 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30 Voice Prosthesis Fitting and Management
- 2:15 Tracheostoma Valve Fitting and Management
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Troubleshooting: Problems/Solutions
- 4:45 Adjourn

Saturday

- 7:45 Clinical Practice Sessions with Patients
- 12:00 Adjourn

Course Information

All courses are on **Friday and Saturday**. Attendance is required for the full course if continuing education credit is to be awarded; no partial credit will be issued.

Course fee is \$195 USD which includes instruction, materials and breaks. Registration can be completed at www.inhealth.com/course with non-refundable course fee due at time of registration. If the registered attendee is unable to attend, credit may be applied to future dates, pending availability and if arrangements are in place no less than 10 days before the original course date. Please contact veronica.beltran@inhealth.com for information or to make arrangements. No refund will be issued if the attendee fails to complete the course either in full or in part. If the course is canceled by the instructor for any reason, the course fee will be refunded or credit toward future courses will be provided.

Note: The course fee is waived for participants traveling from countries other than USA and Canada. Please contact veronica.beltran@inhealth.com for registration information.

Clinical Practice Session

During the half-day day clinical practice session, each participant will have the opportunity for supervised hands-on experience with patients.

Course Location

Center for Ear, Nose, Throat and Allergy
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Lodging

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