Program Overview: This program is designed for physicians, nurses, speech pathologist, occupational therapists, registered dieticians, behavioral health specialists, other health care providers and educators of young children. Course content will explore current evidence-based feeding practices for children. Topics included: the role of the modified barium swallow in evaluation of childhood dysphagia, infant driven feeding, baby led weaning and the examination of clinical decision making behind different feeding therapy approaches. The program involves a combination of lectures and panel discussions to encourage participant interaction and discussion.

Conference Objectives:
- Providers will understand data provided from MBS done in neonates and how this can be clinically useful.
- Learn options for thickening feeds in infants/children with dysphagia, pros/cons of each and be able to appropriately choose for patients.
- Discuss current therapeutic feeding interventions.

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**FASC 2017 Conference Schedule**

7:30-8:00AM  
Registration/Breakfast

8:00-8:10AM  
**Welcome**  
Sylvia S. Choi MD, FAAP

8:10-9:30AM  
**To mBs, or not to mBs... What are the questions regarding indications and use of MBS in clinical practice?**  
Arcangela Balest MD and Katherine White MA, CCC-SLP

9:30-10:00AM  
**Infant-Driven Feeding: A NICU-based Quality Improvement Project**  
Kelly Fill MOTR/L

10:00-10:15AM  
Break

10:15-11:00AM  
**Baby-Led Weaning: Scientific Evidence vs Culture Shift**  
Ann Condon Meyers MS, RD, LDN

11:00-11:45AM  
**Breathing Mechanics in Infancy: Considerations for Developmental Care and Feeding**  
Maddie Chrisman PT, DPT

11:45-12:45PM  
Lunch

12:45-2:00PM  
**Current Swallowing and Feeding Interventions**  
Carrie Isasky MOT, OTR/L, Patricia Kovacs MSLP, CCC-SLP, Kim Kubistek OTD, OTR/L  
and Jennifer A. Rakers MSLP, CCC-SLP, LSLS Cert. AveEd.

2:00-2:45PM  
**Therapeutic Techniques to Improve Infant Feeding: A Review of Current Evidence**  
Kelly Fill MOTR/L and Sheri Rosen MA, CCC-SLP

2:45-3:00PM  
Break

3:00-4:15PM  
**Clinical Decision Making: An Interdisciplinary Approach (panel discussion)**  
C. Lynn Cabral MD, Kim Kubistek OTD, OTR/L, Ashley Krieger MS, CCC-SLP, and  
Ann Condon Meyers MS, RD, LDN

4:15-4:30PM  
**Wrap up/Evaluations and Adjournment**
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