ORAL-FACIAL EXAMS: WHAT YOU MIGHT BE MISSING

1.0 HOURS

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COURSE ABSTRACT

A thorough oral-facial exam can help SLPs Identify and/or rule out underlying structural, functional, and motoric impairments necessary for differential diagnosis of speech sound disorders. This presentation will specifically address what oral/facial structures and motor tasks can help SLPs differentially diagnose speech sound disorders and what findings may lead them to consider appropriate referrals to specialists. Videos of actual assessments will be shown to demonstrate particular aspects of an oral mechanism exam administration.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Explain how oral mech exams contribute to the differential diagnosis of speech sound disorders
- Describe what key aspects of an oral mechanism exam should be included in an a thorough speech assessment
- List red flags that may be revealed in an oral mech exam to help in the differential diagnosis of specific speech sound disorders

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