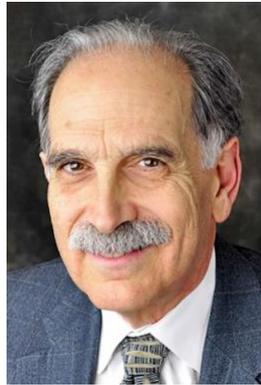


## **AAC in Acute Care: Facilitating Patient-Provider Communication and Reducing Risks**

**Monday, May 7, 2018  
7:00-8:00 PM EDT**



***Presented by Richard Hurtig, Ph.D.***

### **ABOUT THE PRESENTER:**

Richard Hurtig, Ph.D. is Professor Emeritus in the department of Communication Sciences & Disorders at The University of Iowa and is a Fellow of the American Speech & Hearing Association. He directs the UI Assistive Devices Laboratory and is also Founder and Chief Scientific Officer of Voxello. His research over a period of 25 years has included the development of assistive technologies for individuals with complex communication needs and the development of strategies to facilitate patient-provider communication in acute care and for persons with ALS.

### **SEMINAR DESCRIPTION:**

Many hospitalized patients are unable to effectively summon help and effectively communicate with their caregivers. Barriers to effective patient-provider communication put patients at increased risk of experiencing preventable adverse medical events and added stress. Implementing AAC strategies in the ICU allows patients to be active participants in medical decision making, end-of-life conversations and can help reduce healthcare costs.

**MODERATED BY:** Amy Goldman

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## PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN:

- The impact of communication barriers on medical outcomes
- The human and financial cost of adverse medical events
- The role of AAC in overcoming communication barriers in the ICU
- Strategies for supporting patient participation in medical decision making and end of life conversations

## TIME ORDERED AGENDA:

- 5 minutes: Introduction of speaker, USSAAC and topic
- 10 minutes: Communication barriers in the ICU
- 10 minutes: Preventable adverse events: impact on patients and healthcare costs
- 10 minutes: Strategies to address access and communication needs
- 10 minutes: Medical decision making and end of life conversations
- 10 minutes: Improving outcomes, improving patient satisfaction and reducing staff stress
- 5 minutes: Q and A

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