

Re-thinking the Role of Hand Gestures During Communication

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SEMINAR DESCRIPTION:

Hand gestures are clearly not random movements; they are movements that often accompany the spoken modality and are communicative devices. Gestures and spoken output often exhibit semantic, pragmatic and temporal synchrony (McNeill, 1985; Kelly 2010). However, the role of gestures during language production has not been well understood and gestures are often assigned a compensatory role. This webinar will aim to discuss the types and the functions of hand gestures. It will discuss the stages of development of gestures in children, and the nature of the gesture-spoken language relationship in children and adults with or without communication impairments. Further, it will aim to illustrate the clinical value of gestures both as a diagnostic marker as well as a tool for intervention.

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PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

1. Discuss the different types of hand gestures
2. Describe the relationship between gestures and language
3. Evaluate how gestures can influence current clinical practices

TIME ORDERED AGENDA:

- 5 minutes: Introduction of Speakers, USSAAC and topic
- 10 minutes: Introduction to hand gestures and their functions
- 15 minutes: Gestures in children and their role in language development and learning
- 20 minutes: The relationship between gestures and language in children and adults with communication impairments
- 5 minutes: Wrap up
- 5 minutes: Q & A

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