Proceedings

Invitational Round Table
“Evidence-based Voice and Speech Rehabilitation in Head and Neck Cancer”

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Thursday May 15, 2008

Chairpersons Frans Hilgers, Louis Pols

13.15: Welcome with coffee
13.45-14.45: Perceptual and acoustic analysis of TE-substitute voice and speech. Corina van As-Brooks
14.45-15.45: Objective evaluation of TE-substitute voice and speech. Ulrich Eysholdt
15.45-16.00: Tea break
16.00-17.00: Articulatory aerodynamics, contact pressures and sense of effort during tracheoesophageal speech. Jeff Searl
17.00-17.45: Poster presentations and poster visit*
   2. Early rehabilitation of Head and Neck Cancer patients at Karolinska University Hospital. Therese Engström et al.

19.00-22.00: Dinner

Friday May 16, 2008

Chairpersons Maya van Rossum, Annemieke Ackerstaff

09.00-10.00: An evidence-based rehabilitation program for tracheoesophageal speakers. Petra Jongmans
10.00-11.00: Quality of life after Total Laryngectomy. Tanya Eadie
11.00-11.15: Coffee break
11.15-12.15: Oral and oropharyngeal cancer: speech outcomes and the need to monitor change over time. Phillip Doyle

The final hour; chairpersons Frans Hilgers, Louis Pols

12.15-13.15: Where do we stand and what are the priorities for research in the near future?
13.15: Adjourn; sandwiches on the go.

All presentations 45 minutes, 15 minutes discussion
* Poster presentations: 15 minutes followed by discussion
Evidence-based Voice and Speech Rehabilitation is of increasing relevance in Head & Neck Oncology. The number of patients requiring treatment for cancer in the upper respiratory and vocal tract keeps rising. Moreover, treatment – whether it concerns an “organ preservation protocol” or traditional surgery and radiotherapy – negatively impacts the function of organs vital for communication. A “function preservation treatment” does, unfortunately, not yet exist. This “Invitational Round Table” seeks to assemble the latest and most relevant knowledge on evidence-based voice and speech rehabilitation. Aside from the main topic (voice and speech rehabilitation after total laryngectomy), also effects on communication of the treatment of oral/oropharyngeal carcinoma will be addressed.
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