

## Speaker Bios

### Eating, Feeding & Swallowing for children on the Autism Spectrum: Getting the info and figuring out what to do with it - Part 1: Assessment

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Christie Raffaele, MSc(OT), OT Reg. (Ont.), is the Occupational Therapist in the Feeding and Swallowing Clinic at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Centre as well as in the Infancy & Early Childhood Program at Surrey Place. Christie is involved with research focusing on feeding challenges in kids on the autism spectrum and she is one of the co-authors of the online handbook *Optimizing Feeding and Swallowing in Children with Physical and Developmental Disabilities: A Practical Guide for Clinicians*.



Courtenay Mayowski, MSc, R.SLP (C), is a clinical lead for the Pediatric Feeding & Swallowing Team at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital. She has been practicing as an SLP for 12 years with a focus on dysphagia and feeding challenges. The caseload at the Glenrose is diverse and challenging, but the work is rewarding. Courtenay provides mentorship for SLP and OT colleagues both within the Glenrose and beyond. She also carries a clinical caseload on the inpatient peds rehab unit and on the Neonatal Home Support Team, working with premature babies once they have been discharged from the NICU.



Rebecca Perlin, M.Cl.Sc. SLP(C) reg. CASLPO Rebecca is a Speech-Language Pathologist in the Feeding and Swallowing Clinic, the Cleft Lip and Palate Craniofacial Program, the Neuromuscular Team and Spina Bifida/Spinal Cord Team. She has presented extensively to clinicians and families on topics relating to Paediatric Feeding and Swallowing and the importance of a team-based approach to assessment and management. She has been a co-investigator in research designed to increase understanding of best practices in the area of feeding, swallowing and speech. Rebecca is also a Lecturer (Status Appointment) in the Department of Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Toronto.



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