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Global Postlaryngectomy Rehabilitation Academy Workshop

31 October–1 November 2019 | Princess Alexandra Hospital | Brisbane

About The Global Postlaryngectomy Rehabilitation Academy Workshop (GPRRA) program aims to provide you with current trends and practices in post-laryngectomy rehabilitation, including voice, pulmonary and olfaction rehabilitation.

Although the goal of every clinician is to preserve organ and organ function with laryngeal and hypopharyngeal cancer patients, total laryngectomy is often at times unavoidable in patients with advanced and recurrent disease. Fortunately, the quality-of-life following a total laryngectomy is very good provided surgical and rehabilitation efforts are optimal.

Over the last several decades considerable progress in voice, pulmonary and olfaction rehabilitation of the total laryngectomy patient has been made. The program is specifically designed to expand your knowledge, skills and confidence to manage this complex patient group.

Unique opportunity to participate in the cadaver session...opportunity to observe the surgical procedure for total laryngectomy and primary voice prosthesis placement.

Hands-on patient demonstration sessions targeting voice prosthesis replacement, HME usage and hands-free placement.

The unique opportunity to participate in the cadaver session is a highlight of the program for many participants and we hope you enjoy this and embrace the opportunity to observe the surgical procedure for total laryngectomy and primary voice prosthesis placement.

The program also allows for participation in a number of hands-on patient demonstration sessions targeting voice prosthesis replacement, heat and moisture exchange (HME) and hands-free usage.

8am to 5pm, Thursday 31 October to Friday 1 November 2019

Bryan Emmerson Room 1.4L.3B

Building 1, Blue Lifts, Level 4

Princess Alexandra Hospital

199 Ipswich Road, Woolloongabba QLD 4102

Keynote speakers

We are very pleased to welcome our international keynote speaker Dr Richard Dirven from the Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam and Professor Theo Gregor from Waikato Hospital, Hamilton, New Zealand. We also have a number of faculty members, including Dr Scott Coman who will be contributing to the program and sharing their knowledge and experiences.



Dr Richard Dirven

Richard is an Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) surgeon who was trained in the Netherlands. He studied medicine at the Radboud University in Nijmegen and completed his ENT training at the Radboud Medical University Medical Centre. He holds a PhD in speech rehabilitation after laryngectomy. Following his ENT training he worked as a head and neck surgical fellow at the Netherlands Cancer Institute (Antoni van Leeuwenhoek) in Amsterdam for one year. Afterwards he completed a clinical fellowship at the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse in Sydney, Australia. Richard's main clinical interests are head and neck oncology and reconstructive surgery, laryngeal cancers, laryngectomy and voice rehabilitation.



Dr Scott Coman

Dr Scott Coman is an Otolaryngologist, Head and Neck surgeon from the Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH). He has interests in Laser Surgery, Thyroid Surgery and runs the Voice Clinic at PAH.



Professor Theo Gregor

Professor Theo Gregor has extensive experience in head and neck surgery in South Africa, Netherlands and New Zealand. He is an international speaker in demand for his comprehensive knowledge of head and neck cancer. He has a wide variety of professional, academic and sporting interests.

Program topics

- Introduction to comprehensive postlaryngectomy rehabilitation.
- Basic aspects of the voice prosthesis range and selection.
- Hands-on session, practicing voice prosthesis replacement and use of accessories.
- Speech and swallowing rehabilitation and troubleshooting.
- International perspective on voice prosthesis rehabilitation.
- Pulmonary rehabilitation: basic physiology and clinical research.
- Olfaction rehabilitation.
- Surgical techniques including primary voice prosthesis placement.
- Cadaver dissection: total laryngectomy with primary tracheoesophageal puncture.
- Patient demonstration of Freehands Flexivoice, HME's and voice prosthesis replacement.

Who should attend?

This two-day course is composed of a series of lectures, cadaver demonstrations and patient demonstrations. It is of interest to anyone wishing to expand clinical knowledge of the laryngectomy patient.

- Otolaryngologists / Head and Neck Surgeons / Residents
- Speech Pathologists
- Head and Neck Oncology Nurses.

Participants attending will receive a comprehensive equipment sample pack and participation in cadaver dissection.

Registration information

The registration fee includes attendance at the two-day workshop, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea during official programmed breaks, an equipment sample pack,

one ticket to attend the official workshop dinner on Thursday 31 October, and return transfers to the MERF centre on Friday 1 November from Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Registration fees (inc GST)

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| Otolaryngologists Surgeons / Residents | \$875.00 |
| Speech Pathologists | \$775.00 |
| Nurses | \$555.00 |

How to register

Registration and secure payment can be completed online via Eventbrite. A credit card is required to complete payment.

Please visit <https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/events> to register today.

Contact: For more information please email PA.speech.pathology@health.qld.gov.au or call 07 3176 7425.