A Comprehensive Approach to Evaluating and Treating Stuttering

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Abstract:
Stuttering is a complex condition that affects more than just the production of fluent speech. In addition to producing stuttered speech, people who stutter also experience negative reactions to their stuttering—both from themselves (in the form of embarrassment, anxiety, and shame) and from people in their environments (in the form of discrimination and bullying). They also experience difficulties with communicating in daily situations (such as at home, at work, in school, and in social interaction) and an overall adverse impact on their quality of life. This presentation will highlight the importance of considering the entire disorder when evaluating and treating school-age children, adolescents, and adults who stutter to yield the greatest opportunity for improvement in speech and overall quality of life.

About the speaker:
J. Scott Yaruss, PhD, is a professor of Communicative Sciences and Disorders at Michigan State University. He is a licensed/certified speech-language pathologist (SLP), a board-certified specialist in fluency disorders, and an ASHA Fellow. His research examines factors that contribute to the development of stuttering, the breakdown experienced during the moment of stuttering, and methods for evaluating treatment outcomes. He has published approximately 85 peer-reviewed manuscripts, more than 115 other papers, and several clinical resources, including the Overall Assessment of the Speaker's Experience of Stuttering (OASES), Early Childhood Stuttering: A Practical Guide, School-Age Stuttering Therapy: A Practical Guide, and the Minimizing Bullying program (all published by Stuttering Therapy Resources, Inc., which Yaruss co-owns). Professor Yaruss has been named SLP of the Year by the National Stuttering Association (NSA) and received the University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Science Dean's Distinguished Teaching Award. He has served on the NSA's board of directors and on the steering committee of the ASHA Special Interest Group for Fluency Disorders. Professor Yaruss teaches classes on stuttering and counseling for SLPs. He has given more than 450 continuing education workshops around the world designed to help clinicians improve their ability to help individuals who stutter.

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