

**2) Neurogenic dysphagia course (Encompassing FEES)**

Goals –

- To Understand the physiology and pathophysiology of swallowing and causes of dysphagia.
  - Accurately document and report findings.
- 1) understanding the anatomy and physiology of swallowing and breathing and understanding the swallow-respiratory pattern
  - 2) Enhance understanding of the normal swallowing mechanism and the pathophysiology underlying dysphagia in various clinical settings, especially post-stroke and geriatric populations.
  - 3) Promote early recognition and accurate diagnosis of swallowing disorders to prevent complications such as aspiration pneumonia, malnutrition, and prolonged hospitalization.
  - 4) Develop proficiency in performing and interpreting FEES, including patient preparation, endoscopic technique, and analysis of swallowing function and airway protection.
  - 5) Foster multidisciplinary collaboration among ENT specialists, neurologists, speech-language pathologists, and rehabilitation experts for effective dysphagia management.
  - 6) Train participants in creating individualized treatment and rehabilitation plans, incorporating compensatory techniques, dietary modifications, and swallowing exercises.
  - 7) Ensure competence in safety protocols, including contraindication awareness, infection control, and management of adverse reactions during endoscopic procedures.
  - 8) Strengthen documentation skills through structured report writing and use of standardized rating scales for objective assessment.

9) Encourage evidence-based practice and integration of swallowing therapy and speech rehabilitation into routine clinical care.

10) Promote awareness of pharmacologic and nutritional considerations in dysphagic patients, including medication administration and timing of RT insertion or weaning.

**11) Assess theoretical and practical understanding through a post-course evaluation (50 MCQs) prior to certification.**