



Active Member of, and Certified by, The American Speech-Language Hearing Association. Member Special Division 13 on swallowing disorders.

Nancy C. Calamusa, MA, CCC-SLP

Nancy is well known for her dynamic approach to the treatment of pediatric feeding and swallowing disorders. She has extensive knowledge and nearly 25 years of experience in the field of pediatric feeding and swallowing disorders encompassing a wide variety of settings. Nancy was responsible for instituting outpatient and inpatient pediatric feeding and swallowing therapy programs at the Bristol Myer Squibb Children's Hospital, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ. She was instrumental in establishing programs for the neonatal intensive care unit, pediatric intensive care unit, and the pediatric oncology unit.

Following her tenure at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, she founded New Jersey Pediatric Feeding Associates to offer quality feeding and swallowing therapy to the pediatric population. Her unique approach recognizes the individual needs of the child and family and how effective diagnosis and therapeutic intervention will be the building blocks to success. She provides in-depth assessment of all aspects of feeding, swallowing, and mealtime resulting in a specifically designed treatment program addressing the child's as well as the family's needs.

Nancy received her BA degree in communication disorders at Douglass College, Rutgers University. She was awarded the degree of Master of Arts in Speech Pathology from Kean University, where she was awarded a graduate assistantship. Nancy has been employed in various settings including Early Intervention, medical facilities, private institutions as well as offering private therapy. Nancy has provided educational inservices, lectures, and training workshops for physicians, medical students, colleagues, parents, graduate students and the community. She has spent the last 15 years of her career educating and training in the area of pediatric dysphagia. Nancy continues to serve as a mentor to graduate students and clinical fellows in the field of speech pathology. Her expertise has led to great successes with rehabilitating/restoring swallow function to critically injured and medically fragile children. She is currently under review for her Board Certification in Swallowing Speciality (BCS-S)

Nancy has been educated and trained in neurodevelopmental treatment. She is a certified member of the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) and is an active member in the Division of Swallowing Disorders for the national organization (Div13). Nancy is certified in VitalStim Therapy which utilizes a specialized form of neuromuscular electrical stimulation approved by the FDA specifically designed to treat

dysphagia by stimulating/re-educating the muscles responsible for swallowing. Nancy was also trained in the Guardian System for NMES (neuromuscular electrical stimulation) which targets specific swallowing and facial muscles essential in rehabilitating swallow function in children. Nancy is an international clinical advisor for Guardian Way under the Spectramed Brand for Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation. Nancy has conducted national and international educational workshops and courses on the subject of pediatric feeding disorders and NMES. Additionally, she is certified in Beckman Oral Motor, SOS Approach to Feeding, VitalStim, Guardian NMES, and FEES (pediatric fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing).