

Kristen Brackett MS SLP/CCC

EDUCATION

MS, Masters of Science in Speech Language Pathology, May 1993
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC

BA, Bachelor of Arts in Telecommunications with a minor in Theatre,
May 1989, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

NDT Pediatric Certification, Neurodevelopmental Training, Pediatric
course completed, August 1996

WORK EXPERIENCE

6/09 – current

UNC Healthcare, Chapel Hill, NC

- **Co-director of UNC Pediatric Feeding team:** providing coordination and development of services, clinical expertise, development of team projects.
- **Pediatric team leader:** (2009-2013) providing coordination of pediatric therapy services, ordering, charge ticket reconciliation, meeting, and program development.
- **Pediatric Clinical Specialist** (2010-current) providing specialized feeding and dysphagia intervention using a medical, moto, and behavioral approach for out-patients and acute care (including NICU, PICU, trach and vent).
- Performing modified barium swallow studies (MBSS) since 1993 and fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallows (FEES) since 1998. Obtained endoscopy privileges May 1998.
- Providing supervision of employees providing feeding intervention as well as graduate clinicians.
- Participating on hospital committees: career path development, visiting SLP training, university based feeding committee, and hiring for excellence.

10/00 – 1/04

Speech Pathology Supervisor (assistant to director)

- assisted with employee performance reviews, budget, position recruitment, productivity tracking, general coordination of department needs, and supervision.

9/96 – 7/04

- Coordinated Pediatric Feeding and Dysphagia Services by providing intervention to acute care and outpatients with a variety of feeding and swallowing disorders.
- Provided communication assistance to trached and vented patients, including the Passy-Muir trach speaking valves.
- Performed SEMG treatment to dysphagic patients.
- Provided coverage on adult acute care and rehabilitation monthly.

- Developed VFSS/FEES forms and CQI measures.

- 7/94 – 6/95 **UNC Pediatric Feeding Services Development:** obtained grant funding from the Duke Endowment Fund to establish a pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Program at UNC Hospitals. This included establishment of protocols for referral, diagnosis, and treatment, purchased equipment and supplies, development of written materials.
- 7/93 – 6/94
CFY **Clinical Fellowship:** serving primarily an adult neurogenic population. Worked in acute care, rehabilitation, and out-patient.
- 1/06 – present **Motivations inc.,** South Carolina, motivationsceu.com
Providing a 2-day workshop: Pediatric Feeding: A medical, motor, & behavioral approach, for clinicians across the US (see attached for dates/locations).
- 9/96 – 2004
1/2010 – 2011
2013-2015 **UNC Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences,** Chapel Hill, NC
Adjunct faculty, co-instructor of 3 credit Dysphagia course.
Adjunct faculty, instructor of 1 credit Pediatric Dysphagia course.
- 4/05 – 6/09 **DDI Vantage, Early Intervention,** Salt Lake City, UT
Provided early intervention to children 0-3 years with feeding, swallowing and oral motor issues.
- 1/07 – 6.09 **Primary Children’s Hospital,** Salt Lake City, UT
Provided per diem coverage to acute care pediatric patients.
- 10/04 – 6/05 **LDS Hospital,** Salt Lake City, UT
Provided intervention to infants with feeding and swallowing disorders in the NICU and newborn nursery.
- 1/2002 – 7/04 **Telability** (www.telability.org)
Consultant to grant funded telehealth website under the direction of Josh Alexander, MD dedicated to serving children with special needs.
- 1/96 – 6/96 **Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia,** Philadelphia, PA
Pediatric Feeding and Dysphagia Program: provided feeding and swallowing evaluation and treatment to acute care, rehab, and outpatients as a member of an intensive feeding team, under the direction of Peggy Eicher, MD.
Staff clinician: performed Modified barium swallow studies. Provided feeding and swallowing intervention for rehabilitation patients. Provided communication assistance and speech/language intervention to a variety of patients including trach and ventilator dependent children.

1/94 – 12/96

Contract/PRN

Provided contract services to Novacare, Healthsouth, and Carolina Living and learning center working with adult neurogenic patients.

Professional Affiliations/Certifications

12/90 – current Member of the American Speech Language and Hearing Association.
2004 - current Member of ASHA SID #13.
2016 Member of ASHA planning committee for Dysphagia portion of meeting.
2012 Member of ASHA planning committee for Dysphagia portion of meeting.
2004 Committee member/SID #13: Pediatric portion of ASHA's position paper on FEES.
2008 – 2012 ASHA, SID #13 Editorial committee member.
2006 ASHA, SID #13 committee: Developing training protocol for SLP's to develop pediatric feeding skills
7/04 – 7/09 Utah SLP license
9/92 - 2004 Member of the North Carolina Speech Language and Hearing Association (NCSLHA)
4/99 Member of the NCSLHA Convention committee
9/98 – 2004 Member of the National Craniofacial Association
8/96 - 2000 Member of the Neurodevelopmental Treatment Association
7/93 Obtained NC licensure
7/94 Obtained ASHA certificate of clinical competency

Publications

2016 Thoyre, S., Mccomish, C., Kelly, M. Brackett, K., Wallace, S., Hall, C., Powell, V. (2015) Interdisciplinary Feeding Team: A Medical Motor Behavioral Approach. Maternal Child Nursing. (in progress)

2014-current www.pediatricfeedingnews: owner and developer of international blog dedicated to pediatric feeding issues. Currently receiving 7,000 views per month.

2012 Co-author first chapter, "An Integrated Approach to Pediatric Feeding Disorders" in Pediatric Feeding Disorders, Therapro, 2012.

10/2006 Published article in SID #13 Newsletter: " Pediatric Feeding: Assessment and Intervention". Co-authored with Joan Arvedson, Ph.D and Cis Manno.

7/99 – 12/10 The Pediatric Feeding and Dysphagia Newsletter
Published international quarterly newsletter featuring current information on pediatric feeding issues. Responsibilities included writing, soliciting articles, marketing and distribution. Created Hiro Publishing Company.

Posters:

- 6/96 Poster session presented via Dr. Ameila Drake at ASPO (The American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngologists), " Functional Assessment of Swallowing after Laryngotracheo- esophageal Cleft Repair", Florida.
- 1/00 Poster session presented with Dr. Josh Alexander at ASPEN (American society of Parental and Enteral Nutrition), "Feeding Team's Experience in Intervention", Nashville, TN.
- 2015 Poster at NASPHGAN, Washing, D.C. Powell, V., Kelly, M., Brackett, K., Mccomish, C. MultidisciplinaryTeam Approach: Case Study.
- 2018 Poster at NASPHGAN, Hollywood, FL. Cole, K, Powell, V, Brackett, K, Kelly, M., & Derica, S. "Prevalence of Feeding Difficulties Across North Carolina Counties Presenting to the Interdisciplinary Feeding Team at the NC Children's Hospital.

Grants/Research

- 2/2015-current Development of the feeding flock family and provider advisory partnership and assessment of the journey to care of children with feeding difficulty. NC TraCS Translational Research Matched Pilot Grant submitted February 2014. Co-Principal Investigators: Suzanne M. Thoyre & Cara S. McComish, Co-Investigators: Eric A. Hodges, Britt Pados, Hayley Estrem, Jinhee Park & Jeff Laux, Community Partners/Consultants: Kristen Brackett & Melanie Bachmeyer
- 2015 Co-investigator. PED-EAT.
- 2015 Promise Grant, UNC Chapel Hill. Co-authored grant. Awarded \$2500 for UNC Feeding Team supplies.
- 2013 Promise Grant, UNC Chapel Hill. Co-authored grant. Awarded \$1500 for positioning chairs for feeding clinic.
- 5/03 Co-investigator. Feeding Teams: a survey of practice. Graduate clinician's thesis.
- 5/03 Co-investigator. Shannon Wong, Desi Wolfe, Project Title: Increasing an understanding of severe food refusal in otherwise healthy infants and children. 2002-2003
- 11/03 – 6/2005 Cue Based Feeding Study (Preterm infant feeding study) Providing services as a feeding consultant and coded sessions for grant funded study under the direction of Dr. Sue Thoyre, UNC School of Nursing.

- 6/04 Co-Investigator. Feeding issues for young children with down syndrome and their families. NIH, NINR, Center for Research on Chronic Illness Grant, S. Thoyre and M. Van Riper (Co-PI), P30 NR04962, 2002, \$6716.
- 7/02 – 6-03 Consultant on grant: Contingent feeding of preterms to reduce hypoxemia. NIH, NINR, 1 K01 NR007668, 2002-2005, \$261,975.

Presentations

- 3/94 and 3/95 Guest Lecture to UNC's graduate aphasia class, "Acute Care Diagnostics and Treatment." Chapel Hill, NC
- 4/94 Inservice: pediatric physical and occupational therapists, "Assessment of Pediatric Dysphagia". UNC, Chapel Hill, NC
- 4/94 Inservice: speech pathology staff, "Pediatric dysphagia in the Acute care setting".
- 5/94 Inservice: UNC pediatric pulmonary physicians, "Pediatric Dysphagia: Diagnosis and Treatment", UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC
- 6/95 Inservice: UNC speech pathology graduate clinicians, "Pediatric Dysphagia: Diagnosis and Treatment", UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC
- 3/97 – 2008 Annual presentation for UNC speech graduate birth to three class, "Speech Pathology in the NICU". UNC, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 10/97 Inservice: Early intervention students at Meredith College on "Feeding the Developmentally Disabled Child", Raleigh, NC.
- 10/97 Hosted NC DEC Feeding Assessment Team meeting –presented on "FEES and SEMG, Swallowing intervention", UNC, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 11/98 Provided inservice with Josh Alexander, MD to Health South pediatric therapists on "Pediatric Feeding: Assessment and Treatment". Raleigh, NC.
- 12/98 Presented at the Annual Leo Croghan conference on "The Relationship of Feeding and GER". Raleigh, NC.
- 3/99 Hosted NC DEC Feeding Assessment Team meeting – arranged presentation on "Alternate Medicine and Treatment". UNC, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 4/99 Presented at the NC Speech, Hearing and Language Association's annual convention on "Pediatric Feeding and GER", Asheville, NC.
- 2/00 Presented for the Boone Developmental Evaluation Center, "Pediatric Reflux and Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing", Boone, NC.
- 1/01 Presented to Wake County Educators, "Evaluation of Swallowing", Raleigh, NC.
- 10/01 Presented at the NC Speech, Hearing and Language Association's annual fall convention on "Evaluation of Feeding Disorders in Children: reflux and feeding" and in conjunction with Ann Guild, MS SLP, "Prioritizing Treatment for Children with Feeding disorders", Raleigh, NC.
- 6/02 Presented for the Not Just Lip Service: Caring for the Child with Cleft Lip and Palate, "The Complicated child and Feeding Disorders", Chapel Hill, NC.

- 3/02 Presented at the 11th Annual Neonatal Nursing Conference with Suzanne Thoyre, PhD, "Feeding Assessment and Management of the Difficult Feeder", Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2/02 Presented at the Durham Pediatrician's Group monthly rounds, "Overview of complicated Feeding disorders", Durham Regional Hospital, Durham, NC.
- 9/02 Presented at the Raleigh Pediatrician's Group monthly rounds, "Overview of complicated Feeding disorders", Rex Hospital, Raleigh, NC.
- 6/02 Presented a one day workshop for the New Jersey Speech and Hearing Association, Seton Hall University, " An Introduction to Pediatric Feeding", Morrisville, NJ.
- 10/02 Coordinated and Presented a one day workshop at UNC Hospitals, " An Introduction to Pediatric Feeding", Chapel Hill, NC.
- 3/02, 2/03, 3/03 Hosted various web chats focusing on pediatric feeding topics via www.telability.org.
- 10/03 "Feeding the special needs child" presentation to Early Interventionists and therapists, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 10/03 Feeding and Swallowing Basics presentation to school based therapists, Chatham County, NC.
- 3/04 Presented a one day workshop to local SLP, OT, and PT's, Raleigh, NC, "An Introduction to Pediatric Feeding"
- 5/04 Presented a one day workshop to local SLP, OT, and PT's, Raleigh, NC, "An Introduction to Pediatric Feeding"
- 11/04 Presented "An Introduction to Pediatric Feeding" to the developmental team, LDS Hospital, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 1/05 Presented Pediatric FEES workshop to speech pathologists at IUPUI medical center, Indianapolis, IN.
- 2/05 Presented, "An Introduction to Pediatric Feeding" to SLP graduate students at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 3/05 Presented presentation, "An Introduction to Pediatric Feeding" to IMASH convention (Utah speech and hearing), Ogden, UT.
- 3/05 Presented 2 day workshop: The Basics of Pediatric Feeding. Phoenix, AZ.
- 4/05 Presented presentation: GI and Nutrition Issues for the Pediatric Feeding therapist, Winston-Salem, NC.
- 7/05 Presented presentation: Pediatric Feeding: A Medical, Motor, Behavior Approach, Orlando, FL.
- 1/06 Presented presentation: Pediatric Feeding: A Medical, Motor, Behavior Approach, Orlando, FL.
- 1/06, 6/07, 5/08 Presented : Pediatric Feeding: A Medical, Motor, Behavior Approach, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 1/08 Presented Pediatric Feeding Disorders to Utah WIC dieticians. Sponsored by Mead Johnson.
- 12/11 Presented An Introduction to Pediatric Feeding, Leo Croghan Conference, annual NC early intervention conference(invited speaker)
- 12/11 Presented Using Behavioral Strategies in Pediatric Feeding, Leo Croghan Conference, annual NC early intervention conference (invited speaker)
- 5/4/ 12 Presented: Medical, Motor, & Behavioral Approach to Feeding

5/5/ 12	Disorders. New Hanover Hospital, Wilmington, NC Presented: Feeding Intervention in the NICU. New Hanover Hospital, Wilmington, NC
11/16/12	Presented: UNC Hospitals, A Team Approach to Pediatric Feeding Intervention, ASHA, Atlanta, GA (invited speaker).
12/3/2012	Presented Using Behavioral Strategies in Pediatric Feeding, Leo Croghan Conference, annual NC early intervention conference (invited speaker)
2/09/2013	Annual inservice to PM&R Residents on Feeding Intervention, UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC
2/09/2013	Annual inservice for Nursing Core on The Difficult Feeder, UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC
11/2013	Presented: UNC Hospitals, A Team Approach to Pediatric Feeding Intervention, NAPNAP Conference, Raleigh, NC (invited speaker).
1/18-19/15	Pediatric Feeding Disorders: A Medical Motor and Behavior Approach. Greenville, NC (private course for Venture Rehab Group)
2/2015	Annual inservice for Nursing Core on The Difficult Feeder, UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC
4/2015	Presented: Feeding Therapy: Common Problems and Interventions, NCSLHA, Raleigh, NC
2015	Pediatric Feeding Disorders: A Medical Motor and Behavior Approach. Denver, CO (private course for Pediatric Home Care)
2015	Pediatric Feeding Disorders: A Medical Motor and Behavior Approach. Logan, UT
2015	ASHA; Technical Session, Denver, CO. PED-EAT, pilot study.
2016	Grand Rounds Rex
2017	Grand Rounds UNC and Moses Cone
2019	Feeding Team Symposium. Team Management presentation. Follow the Swallow presentation. (March).
2019	NCSLHA, Feeding Team Management.
2019	DI Didactic Presentation. Feeding Cases.

Motivations Presentations: www.motivationsceu.com

CAN EAT Approach: Using Medical, Motor, and Behavior Strategies in Pediatric Feeding.

Jan 2006 – present: Presenting a 2 day workshop for clinicians for 1.6 ASHA CEU's

