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EDUCATION

1982 B.A. Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
Major: Psychology

1985 M.S. University of Texas at Dallas
Communication Disorders

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

Certificate of Clinical Competence, American Speech Language and Hearing Association (ASHA), awarded 1986

License Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Speech Language Pathology, awarded 1986

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

1985-Present American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA)

1995-Present ASHA Special Interest Group #13 (Dysphagia)

2005-Present Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts

2010-2017 American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM)

Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group (BI-ISIG of ACRM)

SPECIALIZED COMPETENCIES

1987 Modified Barium Swallow (MBS) Specialist and Trainer

2008 Vitalstim® Therapy Certification

2008 Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) competency and Trainer

2010 Safety-Care Specialist and Trainer for behavior management in ABI

2013 Certified Brain Injury Specialist

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-Present Director of Accreditation and Certification
Spaulding Rehabilitation Network

Responsible for the development, implementation and oversight of all accreditation processes for the Spaulding Rehabilitation Network. Hold the primary accountability for ongoing review readiness and compliance to all measures, standards and guidelines including leadership on all aspects of The Joint Commission compliance. Work with

organizational leadership to ensure appropriate organization-wide knowledge, understanding, and application of all relevant standards and regulatory requirements.

- 2005-2017 Director of Speech Language Pathology
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital (SRH) Boston, MA
- Direct the daily operations and service delivery of the Speech Language Pathology Department (22 FTE and 25 per diem Speech Language Pathologists) across all SRH rehabilitation inpatient programs. Responsible for the delivery of patient care, staff management, supervision and competency development, strategic planning and marketing, budget planning and reporting, documentation review, clinical education and graduate student programming, and evaluation of outcomes. Direct the float team who cover at all Spaulding sites including acute rehab, LTAC and Skilled Nursing sites.
- 2005-2014 Program Director, Brain Injury Program
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital (SRH) Boston, MA
- Directed inpatient rehabilitation for the Brain Injury Program. Led high functioning interdisciplinary teams to provide high quality care to persons with brain injury, including patients admitted with disorders of consciousness. Oversaw strategic planning and outcomes management. Directed therapist competency development in the area of disorders of consciousness for clinicians across the Spaulding Network beginning in 2009. Led SRN Brain Injury Rehabilitation Consortium.
- 1999-2005 Manager of Professional Development for Speech Language Pathology
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston, MA
- Responsible for Speech Language Pathology service delivery, clinical education, and interdisciplinary collaboration across all Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital programs.
- 1998-1999 Clinical Supervisor, Speech-Language Pathology
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston, MA.
- 1989-1998 Senior Dysphagia Speech-Language Pathologist, Dysphagia Program Coordinator
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston, MA.
- 1986-1989 Staff Speech-Language Pathologist
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston, MA.
- 1985-1986 Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Fellow
State University of New York Health Science Center, Syracuse, New York
- 1995-1996 Speech-Language Pathologist, American Homecare, Peabody, MA.
- 1996-1999 Speech-Language Pathologist, Downtown Rehabilitation, Boston, MA.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2012-2019 Assistant Professor: MGH Institute of Health Professions, Department of
Communication Sciences and Disorders

- 2000-2012 Clinical Instructor: MGH Institute of Health Professions, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
- 2002-2019 Instructor, CD 840: Dysphagia in Adults and Children
- 1996–Present: Guest lecturer on various topics
 CSD: Introduction to Speech Language Pathology: Dysphagia
 CSD: Seminars in Speech Language Pathology: Behavioral Interviewing
 Interdisciplinary (SLP/PT/Nursing) Seminars: Dysphagia case studies
 PT: Clinical Management of Neuromuscular Disorders course
 CSD: Motor Speech Disorders

HOSPITAL APPOINTED COMMITTEES AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- 2014–2019 Partners eCare SLP Committee
- 2014-2017 SRN Brain Injury Rehab Consortium
- 2010-2013 SRN Disorders of Consciousness Program Strategic Planning Committee
- 2010-2012 SRN Trauma Rehab Conference Planning Committee
- 2010-2011 Chair, Brain Injury Specialty CARF Accreditation Strategic Planning Team at SRH; Achieved Brain Injury Specialty CARF Accreditation with no recommendations
- 2010-2014 Chair, SRN Therapy Education Consortium
- 2010-2014 Chair, SRH Brain Injury Consortium
- 2010 Co-Chair, Planning Committee for Aphasia Conference held at SRH
- 2007-2009 Partnered with SRH Admissions Department to establish relationship with Walter Reed Military Hospital to facilitate admissions of wounded warriors from the war in Iraq
- 2006-2008 Responsible for implementation of FEES at SRH
- 2005- 2010 Coordinator of the SRH Brain Injury “Brains At Risk” Program in conjunction with the Brain Injury Association of Mass (BIA-MA)
- 2005-2014 Chair, SRH Brain Injury Advisory Group
- 2000 Member, SRH/IHP Affiliation Committee
- 1999-2013 ASHA CEU Administrator for Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital.
- 1995-2005 Chair, SRH Dysphagia Advisory Committee
 Chair, Continuous Quality Improvement Dysphagia Teams

AWARDS AND HONORS

2018	Partners in Excellence Award: Council on Disability Awareness
2017	John W. Woodard Unsung Hero Leadership Award Nominee
2016	Partners in Excellence Award: S-IHP Comprehensive Aphasia Program Team
2014	Partners in Excellence Award: FEES Implementation Team
2013	Partners in Excellence Award: Move Our Strength Team
2012	Partners in Excellence Award: SRN Safety-Care Team
2012	10 th Award for Continuing Education (ACE), ASHA
2011	Partners in Excellence Individual Award for Quality Treatment and Service
2011	Partners in Excellence Team Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SRN Disorders of Consciousness Strategic Planning Team• SRH 3-hour Process Improvement Team• SRN Trauma Rehab Conference Committee• SRN/IHP Haiti Rehabilitation Project
2011	John W. Woodard Unsung Hero Leadership Award Nominee
2010	Partners in Excellence Team Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners IHP Council on Academic Accreditation Team• SRN Winter Fitness Team• SRN Sharepoint Team
2009	Partners in Excellence Team Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SRH Brain at Risk Team• SRH Brain Injury Care Maps Team• SRN Therapy Float Pool Team
2007	Partners in Excellence Award: Health/Fitness Expo Team
2006	Partners in Excellence Award: Product Evaluation Team
2005	Partners in Excellence Individual Award
2005	MGH Institute of Health Professions CSD Faculty Award for Excellence
2002	Partners in Excellence Award: Meditech Electronic Documentation Team
1998	Partners in Excellence Award: Stroke Team
1996	Partners in Excellence Award: Dysphagia Advisory Team
1982	PSI CHI (National Honor Society in Psychology)
1981	Edward R. Fitch Prize in Latin.

MAJOR RESEARCH INTERESTS

Efficacy of Dysphagia Treatment/Aphasia Treatment
Outcomes in Brain Injury Rehabilitation; Disorders of Consciousness
Comprehensive Intensive Aphasia Program Outcomes

INVITED SCHOLARLY REVIEW

2011- 2019	Reviewer, Topics in Stroke Rehabilitation
2010	ASHA Convention Selection Committee for the Special Interest Group in Dysphagia

PRESENTATIONS

Nicholas, M., Pittmann, R., Pennington, S., Savastano, M., Senecal, E., Hildebrand, M., **Ambrosi, D.** & Brady Wagner, L. (2018). S-IHP's CAP: Interprofessional intensive comprehensive aphasia program for life participation: lessons learned across three years. Seminar at the American Speech-Language Hearing Association annual convention, Boston, MA.

Arsenault, J., Braaten, M., O'Neil-Pirozzi, T., Dressler, K., and **Ambrosi, D.** (2017). Viscosity! Viscosity! Viscosity! Do Standard Measurements Matter? Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Los Angeles, CA.

Ambrosi, D. (2017). Maximizing Cognitive-Communication Function in Persons with Dementia. Invited seminar presented at The Medical and Aged Care in Alzheimer's Disease Rehabilitation Summit Forum & "Sanming Project of Medicine" Launch Ceremony, Shenzhen, China.

Ambrosi, D. (2017). Advances in Neurorehabilitation: The Role of the Speech Language Pathologist. Invited seminar presented at the 4th International Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Medicine for Developing Countries Summit, Shenzhen, China.

Nicholas, M., Brady Wagner, L., **Ambrosi, D.**, Hunsaker, E., Pennington, S., Tierney, C., Savastano, M., Hildebrand, M., Felker, E. (2016). An Interprofessional Intensive Comprehensive Aphasia Program (ICAP) Based on Life Participation & the ICF. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Leung, M., Ball, L., Nicholas, M., & **Ambrosi, D.** (2015). A Novel Approach to Swallowing Assessment: Acoustic Capture & Analysis. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Orlando, FL.

Kiran, S., Stepp, C., Vega-Barachowitz, C., **Ambrosi, D.**, & Perry, P. (2013). The Next Frontier in Rehabilitation: Connected Care Using Tablets, Cloud-Computing, & Other Technologies. Reviewed seminar presented at the National Convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Chicago, IL.

Ambrosi, D. & Hansen, E. (2012). A Systematic Approach to Treating Patients with Disorders of Consciousness. Reviewed seminar presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association, Atlanta, GA.

Brady Wagner, L., **Ambrosi, D.**, Herrmann, D., Violick Boole, K., Krisko, L., Moody, S., & Soroko, J. (2012). Memory Disorders: Interventions and Support Across a Continuum of Care. Invited poster presented at the Spaulding Network Trauma Rehabilitation Conference, Boston, MA.

Brady Wagner, L., **Ambrosi, D.**, Herrmann, D., Violick Boole, K., Krisko, L., Moody, S., & Soroko, J. (2011). Memory Disorders: Interventions and Support Across a Continuum of Care. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, San Diego, CA.

Ambrosi, D., Connor, M., & Holmes, L. (2010). The Implementation of FEES in Acute Rehab. Reviewed seminar presented at the National Convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Ambrosi, D. (2009). Waking Up: Facilitating Emergence from a Minimally Conscious State. Invited

seminar presented at Shaughnessy Kaplan Rehabilitation Hospital, Salem, MA.

Ambrosi, D. (2008). How to Use Your UDS-PRO On-Demand Reports to Manage Your Rehabilitation Program". Invited seminar presented at the Uniform Data System User Group Conference, Orlando, Florida.

Mackey, J., **Ambrosi, D.**, & Violick Boole, K. (2007). Supporting Beginning Supervisors Through Distance Learning. Reviewed seminar presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association, Boston, MA.

Ambrosi, D. & Violick Boole, K. (2007). The Electronic Medical Record: Enhancing SLP Efficiency In Acute Rehabilitation. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language Hearing Association, Boston, MA.

Brady Wagner, L. & **Ambrosi, D.** (2007). Maintaining Compassionate Care. Invited panelist for the Ethics Initiative Conference, MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston, MA.

Ambrosi, D., Martinson, J., & Holmes, L. (2004). Speaking Valve Manometry: Guiding Timely Trach Weaning and Decannulation. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Ickenstein, G. & **Ambrosi, D.** (2002). Predictive Value of Functional Scores in Feeding Gastrostomy Tube (FGT) Removal. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association. Atlanta, GA.

Ambrosi, D. (2004-2010). Dysphagia in Stroke Patients: Indications for Instrumental Examination. Invited seminar presented at the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Resident Didactic Series, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston, MA.

Ambrosi, D. (2000-2007). Introduction to Speech Language Pathology. Invited seminar presented at the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Resident Didactic Series, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston, MA.

Ambrosi, D. (2003). Clinical Indicators for Modified Barium Swallow. Invited seminar presented at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Physician Education Series, Boston, MA.

Ambrosi, D. (2002). A Rehabilitation Success Story: The Interdisciplinary Approach. Invited seminar presented at the Advance News Magazines Job Fair, Boston, MA.

Ambrosi, D., Margolis, D., Mechan, P., & Golden-Baker, S. (2001). Education and Professional Development for the New Millennium: An Interdisciplinary Model. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association, New Orleans, LA.

Ambrosi, D. & Kearns, K. (2001). Outcomes: Data Collection vs. Management in Acute Rehabilitation. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association, New Orleans, LA.

Ambrosi, D. & Kearns, K. (2001). The Validity of Functional Communication Measures in Acute Rehabilitation. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association, New Orleans, LA.

Ambrosi, D. & Brady Wagner, L. (2000). Enhancing Practice and Professionalism in a Challenging Time in Healthcare. Reviewed seminar presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association, Washington DC.

Golden-Baker, S. **Ambrosi, D.**, Margolis, D., & Mechan, P. (2000). Education and Professional Development for the New Millennium: An Interdisciplinary Collaborative Model. Reviewed poster presented at the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses Annual Educational Conference, Reno, NV.

Golden-Baker, S. **Ambrosi, D.**, Margolis, D., & Mechan, P. (2000). Interdisciplinary Competency Based Approach to Training: The Rehabilitation Aide. Reviewed poster presented at the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses Annual Educational Conference, Reno, NV.

O'Neil-Pirozzi, T & **Ambrosi, D** (1999). Swallowing Outcome Post Brainstem CVA. Reviewed poster presented at the Annual Neurorehabilitation Conference on Traumatic Brain Injury and Stroke, Cambridge, MA.

Ambrosi, D., Martinson, J., & Holmes, L. (1998). Trach/Vent Competency and Continuing Education for the SLP. Reviewed seminar presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association, San Antonio, TX.

O'Neil-Pirozzi, T. & **Ambrosi, D.** (1997). A Look at Swallowing Outcome in Severe/Global Aphasics. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association, Boston, MA.

O'Neil-Pirozzi, T., **Ambrosi, D.**, Holmes, L. & Martinson, J. (1997). Developing the Speech Pathology Component of a New Ventilator Program. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association, Boston, MA.

Lefkowitz, N., O'Neil-Pirozzi, T., **Ambrosi, D.**, & Violick Boole, K. (1997). A Clinical Model for Instituting Clinical Competencies in a Rehabilitation Setting. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association, Boston, MA.

Ambrosi, D & Baer, M. (1997). Stroke Patient Support Group: Facilitating Adjustment to Disability. Reviewed poster presented at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

O'Neil-Pirozzi, T. & **Ambrosi, D** (1996). Measuring the Effectiveness of a Departmental Dysphagia Training Program. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association, Seattle, WA.

Ambrosi, D. (1996). Stroke and Its Consequences. Invited speaker for Senior Set Television Interview Series, Boston, MA.

Ambrosi, D. (1996). Current Approaches in Dysphagia Rehabilitation. Invited Seminar presented at Harvard Medical School Gerontology Rounds, Boston, MA.

Lefkowitz, N., O'Neil-Pirozzi, T., & **Ambrosi, D.** (1995). The Challenge of Measuring Swallowing Outcome - One Rehabilitation Hospital's Response. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language-Hearing Association, Orlando, FL.

Lefkowitz, N., O'Neil-Pirozzi, T., & **Ambrosi, D.** (1994). CQI In Dysphagia Rehabilitation: It's Easy To

Swallow. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language Hearing Association, New Orleans, LA.

O'Neil-Pirozzi, T. & **Ambrosi, D** (1993). A Swallowing Training Curriculum in an Acute Rehabilitation Hospital Setting. Reviewed poster presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language Hearing Association, Anaheim, CA.

O'Neil-Pirozzi, T. & **Ambrosi, D** (1990). Dysphagia Intervention: A Four Level Model Approach. Reviewed poster presented at the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Phoenix, AZ.

Ambrosi, D. (1986). The Role of the Speech-Language Pathologist with the Tracheostomized Patient. Invited Seminar presented at Medical Grand Rounds, Department of Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences, SUNY Health Science Center, Syracuse, NY.

Culp, D., **Ambrosi, D.**, & Berniger, T. (1985). Augmentative Communication Aid Use - A Follow-Up Study. Reviewed seminar presented at the National Convention of the American Speech Language Hearing Association, Washington, DC.

PUBLICATIONS

Brady Wagner, LC, **Ambrosi, D**, Meninger, D. (2018) Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility. *Documentation and Reimbursement for Speech-Language Pathologists, Principles and Practice, 151-166, Slack Incorporated.*

Ambrosi, D. (2015) Assessment and Treatment of Dysphagia. *In: Zafonte R, Schneider JC. Eds. Comprehensive Review of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, 3rd ed. Birmingham, Alabama: Oakstone.*

Ambrosi, D. (2015) Aphasia. *In: Zafonte R, Schneider JC. Eds. Comprehensive Review of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, 3rd ed. Birmingham, Alabama: Oakstone.*

Giacino, J, Carter, C, Charney, C, **Ambrosi, D**, Herman, S, Young, T, Doiron, M. (2014) A systematic Approach to the Assessment and Treatment of Persons with Disorders of Consciousness. *Handbook on the Neuropsychology of Traumatic Brain Injury, 139-156.*

Ickenstein, GW, Stein, J, **Ambrosi, D**, Goldstein, R, Horn, M, Bogdahn, U. (2005) Predictors of survival after severe dysphagic stroke. *Journal of Neurology, 252, 1510-1516.*

Ickenstein, GW, Kelly, PJ, Furie, KL, **Ambrosi, D**, Rallis, N, Goldstein, R, Horick, N, and Stein, J. (2003) Predictors of Feeding Gastrostomy Tube Removal in Stroke Patients with Dysphagia. *Journal of Stroke and Cerebrovascular Diseases, 12 (4): 169-174.*

Fleming CM, Hirsch C, Martinson J, **Ambrosi D**, Holmes L, Johnson DC. (1998) Airway pressure in patients with three different speaking valves. *Am J Resp Crit Care Medicine, 155: A307.*

Ambrosi, D., The Role of Rehabilitation Services at the End-of-Life. (1998) Ethics Roundtable. ASHA, Fall. Available at www.asha.org.

Culp, D., **Ambrosi, D.**, Berniger, T., and Mitchell, J. (1986) Augmentative Communication Aid Use - A Follow-Up Study. *Augmentative and Alternative Communication, Vol.2 (1)*.