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Workshop 6: Primer in assessing and managing functional voice and speech disorders in the context of functional neurological disorder

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Content: Functional neurological disorder (FND) may present with sensory and motor symptoms and may lead to functional voice and speech disorders (FVSD). As DSM and ICD terminology keeps evolving, speech and language therapists need to stay informed about formerly called psychogenic voice and speech disorders. The workshop will include (a) the consensus recommendations for assessing and managing FVSD, (b) definitions of various FVSD (e.g., mutism/aphonia/stuttering), (c) how to elicit and communicate positive clinical criteria, and (d) common treatment strategies and their rationales. Timely and informed assessment and management of FVSDs, which are not diagnoses of exclusion, is critical in this population.
