



Speaker Biographies

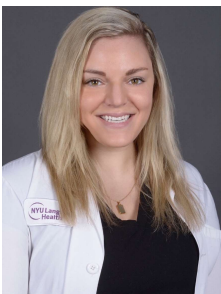


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Lauren Beckett, MS, CCC-SLP, is a pediatric speech language pathologist at the Child Development and Rehabilitation Center (CDRC)/Institute on Development and Disability (IDD) at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). Lauren works as a team member of the multidisciplinary Craniofacial and Cleft Palate Program and the Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Disorders Program at OHSU.

Lauren's primary clinical interest is in working with children with cleft palate and/or velopharyngeal dysfunction because she is fascinated by the role oral anatomy plays in speech production abilities. Lauren also enjoys being able to follow her patients from infancy to adulthood and building a relationship of trust with patients and families. Lauren is active in her field's professional organizations and her research interests include speech outcomes after palate repair, patient satisfaction after velopharyngeal insufficiency surgery, and therapies for young children with cleft palate.



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Meg Lico, MS, CCC-SLP, is the Cleft & Craniofacial Team Speech-Language Pathologist at the Hansjörg Wyss Department of Plastic Surgery, myFace Center for Craniofacial Care at NYU Langone Health. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Health at the University of South Carolina, with a special focus in pediatric health promotion, education, and behavior.

She earned her Master of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders at Columbia University in New York City, and it was there that Meg developed a specialized interest in working in the cleft palate and craniofacial field.



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Before her position at NYU Langone, Meg completed her clinical fellowship at a children's hospital in outpatient pediatrics and developed a rich experience working with children including, but not limited to, those diagnosed with cleft palate/craniofacial disorders, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, autism, and seizure disorders.

In her free time, Meg also enjoys working as a speech research consultant for the international nonprofit Smile Train.

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