

Editorial

Introduction to *Advances in Communication and Swallowing* Volume 27, Issue 2

Welcome to Volume 27 issue 2 of *Advances in Communication and Swallowing*. In 2024, our journal continued to evolve, and we are proud of its progress to date. This year, the journal received fourteen submissions from authors across five countries and four continents. We are proud of our fast turnaround time from submission to first decision. This is in no small part due to our supportive editorial board and our invited reviewers, without whom academic journals could not function.

We have noted that two-thirds of our submissions between 2021–2023 have come from Europe. While this is expected (and very welcome), we are keen to encourage submissions from our colleagues in Asia and Africa in 2025. We would all benefit from hearing about international practices in the areas of communication and swallowing.

From a journal indexing perspective, we are very happy to let our readers know that our journal is now indexed in Scopus, Google Scholar, EBSCO and Proquest. We hope to make further progress with Web of Science and Medline in the near future.

In this issue, there is an impressive range of study designs across a variety of clinical populations. From a paediatric perspective, **O'Shea and colleagues** investigate the parental experiences of SLT services for autistic children in the province of Munster, Ireland. In this qualitative study, IPA is used to analyse semi-structured interview data and findings provide new insights into parental perceptions of SLT service provision. In an e-Delphi study, **Quinn and Connery** explored therapeutic alliance in stuttering

intervention amongst speech and language therapists. **McInerney et al.** present a scoping review protocol exploring the nature of language impairment in children with cerebral palsy.

Alhussainy et al completed a systematic review to determine cough effectiveness during airway invasion in adults with oropharyngeal dysphagia. In a cross-sectional survey, **Gorevich & Osmelak** examine speech and language therapists' experience with nursing-initiated texture modified diets across health care settings. In a qualitative study using semi-structured interviews, **Gilheaney et al** explored the lived experiences of people with Long COVID associated communication and swallowing difficulties. Finally, a protocol for a cross-sectional two stage feasibility study was published by **Slinger et al.** which is investigates trans-laryngeal ultrasound to evaluate inducible laryngeal obstruction.

We hope you will enjoy the contents within Volume 27 issue 2. It is wonderful to capture the range and quality of research being published in Ireland and abroad in the fields of communication and swallowing.

Please support us in 2025 by submitting your work to our journal, reviewing our submissions and promoting the journal to interdisciplinary colleagues.

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