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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Certified Speech-Language Pathologist and Certified Brain Injury Specialist with extensive work experience in neuro outpatient rehabilitation with a special focus on the head and neck cancer population. Highly motivated and enthusiastic clinician who seeks superior patient outcomes while participating as a member of multidisciplinary team.

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## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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**Speech-Language Pathologist, Tampa General Hospital (Tampa, Florida)** 09/2014 – Current

- Diagnose and treat individuals with complex neurological disorders in the areas of speech, language, voice, cognition, and dysphagia. Populations include patients with head and neck cancer, traumatic brain injury, cerebrovascular accident, and progressive neurological disorders.
- Specialized services: *Modified Barium Swallow Study (MBSS), Videostroboscopy, Flexible Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES), Tracheoesophageal Prosthesis changes, sEMG, electrolarynx training*
- Specialized certifications: *Certified Brain Injury Specialist, McNeil Dysphagia Therapy Program (MDTP), VitalStim, Interactive Metronome and LSVT LOUD*
- Collaborates with physical and occupational therapists to improve patient outcomes.
- Co-chair of TGH Speech/Social Dinner events
- Specialized interest in evaluating and treating individuals with head and neck cancer.
  - Co-chair of TGH Head and Neck Cancer Support Group
  - Completes pre/post op surgical and radiation consults for patients with head and neck cancer.
  - Developed and implements “Outpatient SLP Head and Neck Cancer Protocol” to improve patient outcomes s/p undergoing radiation therapy.
  - Accepted poster proposal for ASHA annual conference “A Unique Partnership to Improve Swallow Function and Communication in Patients with Head and Neck Cancer.”
  - Attends weekly tumor board meetings with the multidisciplinary team
- Clinical Instructor for students receiving their master’s degree from various universities.
- Student Coordinator for the Linda Palmero Student Observation Program (High school student observations)

**Clinical Fellowship, Brooks Rehabilitation Center/ Bayonet Regional Medical Center (Hudson, Florida)** 09/2013 – 09/2014

- Diagnosed and treated individuals with complex neurological disorders in the areas of speech, language, voice, cognition, and dysphagia. Populations include patients with traumatic brain injury, cerebrovascular accident, and progressive neurological disorders.
- Specialized skills: *Modified Barium Swallow Study (MBSS)*

**Clinical Fellowship, Sunshine SPOT (Tampa, Florida)** 09/2013 – 09/2014

- Evaluated, diagnosed, and treated children birth to 3 years of age with speech, language, and cognitive disorders. Population included children with developmental delays, autism, Down Syndrome, and traumatic brain injury.
- Prior to clinical fellowship, externship completed (05/2013 - 08/2013) which entail job responsibilities stated above

**Externship, Tampa General Hospital (Tampa, Florida)** 01/2013 – 05/2013

- Completed externship in both acute care and inpatient rehabilitation settings.
- Diagnose and treat individuals with complex neurological disorders in the areas of speech, language, voice, cognition, and dysphagia. Populations include patients with traumatic brain injury, cerebrovascular accident, and progressive neurological disorders.
- Participated in “Breakfast Club” to monitor and treat patients with dysphagia.
- Attended weekly rounds with the multidisciplinary team.
- Specialized services: *Modified Barium Swallow Study (MBSS)*

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## EDUCATION

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<b>MS Speech Language Pathology, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Nova Southeastern University</b>	01/2011 – 08/2013
<b>BS Communication Sciences and Disorders, Worcester, MA, Worcester State University</b>	08/2014 – 07/2015
<b>Study Abroad: Worcester, England, University of Worcester</b>	09/2006 – 12/2006
<b>Study Abroad: Stockholm, Sweden, Stockholm University</b>	01/2009 – 05/2009

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## ACADEMIC AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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**General Federation of Women’s Club (GFWC)-** Volunteer and assisted in fundraising.  
**Team Captain for the Heart Walk for the Rehabilitation Team-** Fundraising, coordinating, volunteer.

**Head and Neck Cancer Support Group-** Co-chair and presenter on “Radiation Induced Dysphagia” in-service.

### PRESENTATIONS

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Living with Head and Neck Cancer 5/3/2022 with Dr. Nickel, Dr. Mifsud and Ellen Eckelman, PT

Rehab Oncology 11/10/2021 with Dr. Berk and Ellen Eckelman, PT

Radiation Induced Dysphagia in-service 2018

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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<b>Seven Hills, ABA assistant,</b> – Conducted behavior programs and tracked data for children with autism	04/2010 –12/2010
<b>Seven Hills, SLP-A</b> – Assessed and treated preschool and young adults with developmental delay and intellectual disabilities	05/2009 – 12/2010
<b>Devon’s Academy, SLP-A</b> – Assessed and treated young adults with intellectual disabilities and behavioral tendencies	06/2010 – 08/2010

\*\* References available upon request. \*\*