



Date: February 12, 2025

Place: [Zoom Virtual Event](#) – registration required in advance!

Agenda:

- 7:00pm Business Meeting
- 7:30pm Featured Education Program (2 CE/No Charge SCDS Members)

Orofacial Myofunctional Disorders: How to Identify In Dental Patients and Work Collaboratively

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Orofacial myofunctional disorders (OMDs) negatively impact the development and function of the muscles within and around the oral cavity. This can result in long-term complications that include but are not limited to chewing and swallowing disorders, restricted dietary repertoire, symptoms commensurate with TMJ/D, malocclusion, as well as speech disorders. OMDs can also exacerbate the symptoms associated with sleep-disordered breathing. Identification of OMDs and the presence of a tongue thrust swallow is important for proper referrals to speech and myofunctional therapists. The ability to recognize any contributing factors as early as possible is vital for optimizing the tongue's natural ability to create space within the palate and within the airway. Working alongside dental, medical, speech, myofunctional and other therapeutic specialists to identify and treat OMDs will support the long-term habituation of proper lingual placement at a conscious and subconscious level and maximize retention before, during or following palate expansion or orthodontic treatment. The lecture will also focus on the use of orofacial myofunctional tools to support a patient's treatment plan.

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify early signs and symptoms of an orofacial myofunctional disorder (OMD) and what can contribute to and perpetuate a tongue-thrust swallow.
2. Identify what Understand how proper oral posture and proper lingual resting posture support the proper development of the facial structures and the oral cavity.
3. Understanding the importance of early intervention for OMDs, mouth breathing, tethered oral tissues, high/narrow palates, and the positive impact intervening sooner can have on the airway, occlusion, speech development, chewing, swallowing, and diet.

Speaker Bios:

Janine Stiene (MA, CCC-SLP, TSHH), is a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP), and trained Myofunctional Therapist with over 20 years of experience. Janine received her undergraduate degree from Loyola University and graduated with her MA in Speech Pathology from Hofstra University. In 2003, Janine bought a small privately-owned home-based speech practice. Twenty years later, Janine has grown her company with nine locations throughout Long Island, NY. Long Island Speech and Myofunctional Therapy is the largest privately-owned insurance-based Myofunctional practice nationwide. Janine's large and exceptionally trained staff treat 2,000+ sessions per week via teletherapy.

Toni-Ann Antoniato is a speech-language pathologist, and certified lactation counselor, specializing in myofunctional and orofacial disorders. She has worked alongside Janine Stiene for 12+ years, treating and evaluating myofunctional disorder. Toni-Ann received her undergraduate degree at St. Joseph's College, and her Master's degree from Nova Southeastern University. Toni-Ann is the SLP Director at Long Island Center for Speech and Myofunctional Therapy, and Janine Steine's business partner. Toni-Ann conducts all myofunctional evaluations for the Practice, as well as supervises all SLPs of the Practice, supporting their training in the myofunctional therapy training S.P.O.T. Toni-Ann also spent some time as a professor for the speech Master's program at Stony Brook University.

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