



- *Speech-Language Pathologist*
  - *Supervisor, Rehabilitation Services*
  - *Rehabilitation Services*
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#### Conditions Treated:

- *Chronic Cough*
- *Vocal Cord Dysfunction (VCD)*
- *Dysphonia*
- *Dysarthria*
- *Exercise-Induced Laryngeal Obstruction (EILO)*
- *Aphasia*
- *Cognitive Communication Disorders*
- *Neuro & Neurodegenerative Conditions of Speech & Swallowing*
- *Muscle Tension Dysphonia*

#### Programs & Services:

- *Rehabilitation Services*
- *Vocal Cord Dysfunction (VCD) Treatment Programs*
- *Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) Program*
- *Speech Language Pathology*
- *Morgridge Academy*
- *Otolaryngology (ENT)*

Amy O'Connell is a Speech-Language Pathologist with over 20 years of experience across a variety of settings. Her primary interests have been the assessment and treatment of dysphagia, voice, and cognitive-linguistic deficits in the neuro, neurodegenerative, frail elderly, and palliative/hospice populations, as well as the general medical population. Amy served as an adjunct professor at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley for 2 years, teaching graduate courses in Dysphagia and Neurogenic Communication Disorders.

Since arriving to National Jewish Health in 2016, she has developed her skills in the assessment and treatment of VCD/EILO and Chronic Cough. She has implemented the use of a standardized scale of penetration-aspiration measurement used during Video Fluoroscopic Swallow Studies, and continues to promote evidence-based treatment for dysphagia. She was promoted to Supervisor of Rehabilitation Services in 2017, and has been able to integrate speech team participation in an ILD research project as well as developing competencies for inpatient care.

#### Board Certification

American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) CCC-SLP

#### Education

1988 - 1992 University of Wisconsin Madison, Communicative Disorders, B.A.

1992 - 1994 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Communicative Disorders, M.S.

### **Teaching or Professional Positions**

2015-2017: Adjunct Professor, University of Northern Colorado, Audiology and Speech-Language Sciences

### **Professional Memberships**

American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA)  
State of Colorado SLP Licensure  
National Foundation of Swallowing Disorders

### **Awards & Recognition**

ASHA SIG 3: Voice and Voice Disorders  
ASHA SIG 13: Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders  
2018: Guest Lecturer, University of Northern Colorado: Special Topics in Dysphagia

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