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We look forward to welcoming you in Zagreb! ♥



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Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the UEP Course on Pediatric Dysphagia.

Swallowing and feeding disorders in children represent a complex and rapidly evolving field that requires close collaboration among healthcare professionals from multiple disciplines. Pediatric dysphagia can affect children of all ages and may have significant consequences for nutrition, growth, respiratory health, development, and quality of life. Early recognition, accurate assessment, and appropriate management are therefore essential to achieving the best possible outcomes for patients and their families.

This course has been designed to provide participants with a comprehensive overview of pediatric dysphagia, from the fundamentals of normal swallowing development to the latest advances in diagnostic evaluation and therapeutic management. Through lectures delivered by internationally recognized experts, interactive discussions, and case-based learning, we aim to foster knowledge exchange and promote multidisciplinary approaches to care.

Whether you are a physician, speech and language pathologist, psychologist, dietitian, nurse, researcher, or allied healthcare professional, we hope that this course will enhance your understanding of pediatric swallowing disorders and provide practical insights that can be applied in daily clinical practice.

We are grateful to our faculty members for sharing their expertise and to all participants for their commitment to improving the care of children with feeding and swallowing difficulties. We wish you an inspiring and enjoyable course.

With best regards,

A. Đanić Hadžibegović

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Course president



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue: **Hotel Academia, Tkalčićeva 88, Zagreb**

Language: **English**

REGISTRATION FEE

Early bird fee till 15th October 2026

UEP member	300 €
Medical doctor , SLP, Psychologist, Dietitian, Occupational therapists, Nurses	350 €

Regular fee from 16th October 2026

UEP member	400 €
Medical doctor resident, SLP, Psychologist, Dietitian, Occupational therapists, Nurses	450 €

Registration fee includes: Attendance to sessions, name badges, lunch, coffee breaks

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THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2026	
TIME	PROGRAMME
08:00–09:00	Registration
09:00–09:20	Opening Remarks and Introduction
09:20–10:40	ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY - Anatomy and Physiology of Swallowing in Preterm Infants and Neonates - Anatomy and Physiology of Swallowing After the First Year of Life - Swallowing vs. Feeding Disorders - Discussion
10:40–11:10	COFFEE BREAK
11:10–12:30	CLINICAL ASSESSMENT - Screening and Developmental Checklist - Up-to-Date Objective Measures - In-Office vs. Hospital Clinical Examination - Discussion
12:30–14:00	LUNCH
14:00–15:20	INSTRUMENTAL ASSESSMENT - Videofluoroscopy - Esophageal Diagnostic Testing in the Evaluation of Pediatric Dysphagia - Discussion
15:20–15:50	COFFEE BREAK
15:50–17:30	PEDIATRIC POPULATIONS AT RISK – PART I - Respiratory Conditions and Dysphagia - Neurogenic Pediatric Dysphagia - Genetic and Metabolic Causes of Pediatric Dysphagia - Cleft Palate and Dysphagia - Discussion
19:30	GET-TOGETHER DINNER

FRIDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2026	
TIME	PROGRAMME
09:00–10:40	PEDIATRIC POPULATIONS AT RISK – PART II - Cardiac Conditions and Dysphagia - Functional Disorders, GERD, and Eosinophilic Esophagitis - Esophageal Atresia and Tracheoesophageal Fistula - Psychosocial and Behavioral Disorders - Discussion
10:40–11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00–12:40	PEDIATRIC POPULATIONS AT RISK – PART III - Tracheostomy Management in Children with Oropharyngeal Dysphagia - Dysphagia Management in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit - Dysphagia Treatment in Clinical and Outpatient Settings - Dysphagia Treatment: The Occupational Therapist's Approach - Discussion
12:40–14:00	LUNCH
14:00–15:40	DYSPHAGIA MANAGEMENT - Drug Administration in Dysphagic Children - Nutrition in Children with Dysphagia - Sialorrhea Management - Feeding Tube Management - Discussion
15:40–16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00–17:45	INTERDISCIPLINARY MANAGEMENT – CASE REPORTS
17:45–18:00	CLOSING REMARKS

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