

**“Voice: Working with young children and their families”  
by Alessandra Giannini**

**A one day workshop in Melbourne on  
Friday 25 November 2011 - 8.45 am registrations for 9.15 am start; concludes at 4.30 pm  
Earlybird Closing date: One month before event date, 25 October 2011**

## Prerequisites for Registrants

The target audience for this workshop is speech pathologists who work in paediatrics in general and those who work mainly with the voice disordered population. Speech Pathology students who have a basic understanding of voice disorders will also gain from this course.

## Learning Objectives

Learning objectives for participants include:

- To understand the key concepts of differential diagnosis in the area of paediatric voice disorders and the issues related to those children most at risk of long term problems.
- To use voice assessment tools which are appropriate for young children.
- To choose appropriate voice therapy techniques and incorporate these into everyday play activities and stories.
- To discuss the developmental and psychosocial needs of children with voice problems in the context of their families
- To consider specific interviewing techniques and informational counselling for families.

## Workshop Content

Voice problems in children have always been a little contentious because some believe that a hoarse voice is just part of childhood and something that children will grow out of or that teaching children to produce a more efficient voice is just too difficult.

The presenter will challenge these notions and present her work with children of all ages but also give specific guidance for working with younger children and their families.

This one-day workshop will take the participants through the full range of concepts, tools and critical thinking, from general to specialist, required when working with young children with voice disorders.

- Participants will be given the opportunity to become familiar with the materials and to ask difficult questions about the voice assessment process with children.
- The speaker will present up to date information on therapy techniques for children with voice disorders with particular emphasis on developmental stages and appropriate play activities for vocal awareness, injury prevention and recovery. Videos of voice assessment and therapy sessions will be presented and discussed.
- There will also be an emphasis on specific interviewing skills and core practice concepts used when working with families.
- This workshop aims to equip clinicians with very practical ideas and solutions.
- Case discussions and practice dilemmas (de-identified and observing client confidentiality) are welcome from the audience.

## About Alessandra Giannini



Alex has worked in the field of paediatric voice disorders for over 30 years. She established a voice clinic at the Royal Children’s Hospital with Otolaryngology in 1989 and continues to be the senior clinician in that clinic. Alex also worked for several years in specialist clinics for the assessment of developmental disorders and autism spectrum disorders. In 1998 she trained as a family therapist at Bouverie Family Centre (LaTrobe University) and subsequently worked as a mental health clinician at Travancore. Alex has presented numerous papers and workshops in the area of paediatric voice disorders and has initiated and collaborated in research projects in the area. She is on the committee of the Victorian Voice Interest Group and travels regularly to the US and Europe for professional development.

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**Online registration is available seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day.**

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- Click on the 'Select' next to the event you wish to register for. This will take you to a view where you are able to view the Register button and the Brochure (Event Flyer) link.
- You will need to either log on using your SPA user name and password or “Create Account” to proceed with your registration.
- You will need to pay by credit card at the time of registration.

Please contact National Office on 03 9642 4899 or email [office@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au](mailto:office@speechpathologyaustralia.org.au) if you have any questions or queries regarding the online registration process or if you do not receive immediate email confirmation. *Please note* - if you do not receive email notification, then you are not registered for the event and will not be able to be accommodated if you attend on the day of the workshop. If you are following up on your event registration, please ensure that you contact National Office at least one week prior to the event date. Before registering, please check the information on the brochure and contact us if further clarification is required. Numbers are capped so book early to avoid disappointment.

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<b>Associate Profession</b> <i>A Speech Pathologist who is a member of an international speech pathology association or – applicable only to workshops open to other professions - an Allied Professional who is a member of their own professional Association.</i>	\$231 including GST (\$210 + \$21 GST)
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<b>Speech Pathology Australia Non Practising member</b>	
<b>Speech Pathology Australia Re-entry member</b>	\$154 including GST (\$140 + \$14 GST)
<b>Speech Pathology Australia Full-time Postgraduate Student member</b>	
<b>Rural Members' Traveller's Rate</b> <i>For RURAL SPA members only whose return trip to attend this event is 300km or more from their place of work or SPA members in the ACT, NT or Tasmania travelling to a workshop not offered in your Branch. This rate does NOT apply to metropolitan members travelling interstate for this workshop. Registrants choosing this class will be contacted if they do not met the eligibility criteria and will have an option to pay the differential or receive a refund.</i>	\$121 including GST (\$110 + \$11 GST)
<b>Speech Pathology Australia Student member</b>	

Closing date is 18 November 2011 or until 'sold out'.

<b>Venue</b>	Cliftons, 440 Collins Street, Melbourne (between Queen and William Streets, Australia Post shop under building) - proceed by lift with Level to be advised via email nearer the event date.
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