## The ABC's of Pediatric Feeding & Swallowing Module II: The Systems

## **About The Speakers**

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Robert Beecher, M.S., CCC-SLP was senior speech-language pathologist at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He specialized in the field of pediatric feeding/swallowing with emphasis on the development of protocol and procedures for the use and analysis of pediatric videofluoroscopic studies of the swallowing process. He was co-developer of the Multiple Application Multiple Articulation Seating System (MAMA) for infants and children. Mr. Beecher lectured throughout the United States on the issues involved in pediatric feeding and swallowing.

Christine Cayo, O TR is an occupational therapist who specializes in pediatrics. Ms. Cayo practices at New Berlin Therapies and teaches at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin. She is certified in Neurodevelopmental Treatment, Baby Treatment, and Sensory Integration. She is an NDT OT instructor and presents short courses on baby treatment and sensory processing.

Midge Kirby, MS, RD, CSP, CD is a dietician with experience in both adults and children. Ms. Kirby received her generalist training at Villa Maria College and her MS from Mt. Mary College. She is specialized in the nutritional requirements and management of children with special health care needs.

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