Nutritional Concerns in the Special Needs Population

About the Speaker

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Nutrition and the Developing Child
Identify nutrients needed by all children
Identify appropriate food choices to meet nutrient needs
Part 3
Nutritional Considerations for Children with Feeding & Swallowing Problems
Review common nutrition concerns and possible causes
Identify "red flags" that suggest referral for further nutrition assessment
Part 4 & 5
Dietitian's Role in Managing Feeding & Swallowing Problems
Screening for nutrition problems
Referral to dietician
Evaluating nutrition status
Identifying nutrition concerns
Targeting nutrition intervention
Routine monitoring of outcomes

Part 6

Appropriate Use of Supplemental Feeding
Medical conditions frequently requiring nutrition support
Types of nutrition support
Nutrition criteria for considering tube feeding
Managing tube feeding
Transitioning off tube feeding

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