

National Dysphagia Awareness Month Campaign: Winner Announcement

June is National Dysphagia Awareness Month.

In June 2016, the Dysphagia Research Society initiated an awareness campaign and invited clinicians to submit stories of efforts they made to create dysphagia awareness in the community. DRS would like to thank everyone who submitted stories of their creative and successful dysphagia awareness efforts from around the world.

The winners of the National Dysphagia Awareness Month awareness story campaign are Dr. Ianessa Humbert and Alicia Vose; they present a monthly podcast called 'Down The Hatch', created to generate and spread awareness about swallowing and swallowing disorders in a unique and engaging format. Dr. Humbert is the Co-Director of the Swallowing Systems Core Laboratory at the University of Florida and Ms. Vose is her Doctoral student. A link to the most recent 'Down The Hatch' podcast episode about advocacy in dysphagia management can be found below:

<https://soundcloud.com/down-the-hatch/advocacy-in-dysphagia-management-a-neurologists-perspective-dr-okun>

The runner up of the DRS dysphagia awareness campaign is Dr. Catriona Steele, Director of the Swallowing Rehabilitation Research Laboratory in Toronto. Her success story can be found below:

http://www.uhn.ca/corporate/News/Pages/stroke_survivor_celebrates_relearning_to_swallow.aspx

Congratulations to all the winners! Let us continue to work together in our commitment to increase the awareness of dysphagia and to advance the treatment of swallowing disorders across the lifespan.