



## Clinical Staff Members

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### Joanna Brown, MS, CCC/SLP

Joanna Brown is a licensed speech language pathologist who has been practicing for 24 years. For the past 22 years, Joanna has been working at Parkland Health & Hospital System where she has been working with a variety of patient populations with a focus on head and neck cancer including laryngectomees. Joanna became interested in the laryngectomee population during graduate school when she was fortunate to earn a year long internship at the Dallas VA Medical Center under the mentorship of Candy Moltz. Joanna enjoys her work with the TLA and reaching laryngectomees across the state.

Joanna currently is the [Director of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation](#) over inpatient and outpatient operations for physical, occupational and speech therapy at Parkland Hospital. Her management position continues to allow her to make an impact on laryngectomee patients by mentoring younger clinicians, participating in research and advocating for services for this special population.



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### Elizabeth Durand, MA, CCC/SLP

Elizabeth became interested in working with laryngectomees in graduate school and furthered this pursuit during her clinical training at The Cleveland Clinic. She was an Adjunct Instructor at Cleveland State University. She has worked with several major metropolitan hospitals and engaged in private practice with local ENT physicians. Elizabeth initiated and developed alaryngeal speech instruction programs during these affiliations. She assisted local Lost Chord Clubs with laryngectomee speech rehabilitation. Elizabeth has been on the Board of Directors for the International Association of Laryngectomees and is listed as an Instructor of Alaryngeal Speech in the IAL Directory. She has served on the TLA Board and faculty for over 25 years. As a speech-language pathologist Elizabeth presented at the state, national and international levels including the National Cancer Voice Institute of Mexico City. She holds a B.A. and a Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology.



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### Ann McKennis, RN, CNOR(E), CNORL(E)

Ann is a retired Registered Nurse with over forty years of active practice in the surgical setting of otorhinolaryngology and head and neck nursing.

She has Emeritus standing in both specialties. She presented nursing lectures at national meetings both in the US and Europe. She has over twenty publications in juried journals and is the recipient of numerous national honors and awards. She retired after 17 years at Houston Methodist Hospital.

Ann became active with the Whispers Lost Cord Club in Spring and the TLA in 1985. Ann received the Lifetime Service Award from TLA in 2016. Ann has been married to her husband Jeffrey for 50 years. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. She remains a dedicated advocate for laryngectomees and their families.



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### Candy Moltz, MS, CCC/SLP

Candy Moltz retired in May 2014 as a staff Speech Language Pathologist at the Dallas VA Medical Center where she worked for 23 years. Before that she was a clinical supervisor at the University of Texas at Dallas in the Speech Pathology graduate program for nine years. Early on, Candy was mentored by Jessie Hart (a long time laryngectomee and IAL Board of Directors member) who facilitated Candy's interest and commitment to the rehabilitation of Laryngectomees. Candy has actively participated with the Dallas Lost Chord club since 1989. With Jessie and a handful of Texas Lost Chord Club presidents from around the state, Candy helped plan the first of more than 27 Texas Laryngectomee Association Annual meetings based on the Voice Institute and Annual Meeting of the IAL. Candy has served on the IAL Board of Directors from 2012-2018, edited the IAL News from 2015-2018 and is dedicated to the rehabilitation of laryngectomees, proud of Texas and proud of the Texas Laryngectomee Association.



### **Lacey Martins do Nascimento, MS, CCC/SLP**

Lacey Martins is a Speech Language Pathologist at the Dallas VA Medical Center where she actively evaluates and treats Laryngectomees. She became interested in working with Laryngectomee's during her graduate school internship at MD Anderson Cancer Center. Lacey's interest in Laryngectomee rehabilitation stems from the mentorship of Susan Reeves in rural West Texas. Susan was instrumental in introducing her to the TLA and IAL. She remains resolute in her dedication to Laryngectomee rehabilitation.



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### **Caroline Nickel, MS, CCC/SLP**

Caroline Nickel is a Speech Language Pathologist who has worked at Baylor University Medical Center for the past 14 years. She first became interested in working with Laryngectomees as a graduate student during her internship at Parkland Memorial Hospital. Caroline has had the opportunity to work with Laryngectomees in the acute care and outpatient setting. She currently serves as the Speech Pathology supervisor at Baylor University Medical Center where she continues to work with Laryngectomees and their families in the acute care hospital.



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### **Betsy Ruiz, MS, CCC/SLP**

Betsy Ruiz is a Speech Language Pathologist who has been working at Parkland Memorial Hospital for 15 years. Betsy began to clinically focus on the Head and Neck cancer patient population including Laryngectomy patients 9 years ago under the mentorship of Joanna Brown.

Betsy currently works as the primary Speech Language Pathologist in Ear Nose and Throat clinic at Parkland and continues to enjoy providing rehabilitation services to all the Laryngectomees under her care.



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### **Susan Reeves, M.ED, CCC/SLP**

Susan has been an active member of the TLA since its' inception. She currently is the owner and clinical director of Reeves Rehab Speech Therapy Center. Susan works as a contracting therapist for several agencies in Texas as well as Southern New Mexico. She is certified as a licensed practitioner in both states. Susan served as senior clinical director for West Texas Rehabilitation Center leaving in 2011 to assist rural areas which were underserved.

Susan is a Rotarian and has served the International Association of Laryngectomees as a Voice Institute Staff member, board member and since 2008 currently serves as the IAL administrative manager. She is published in three professional journals and is a current member of ASHA and TSHA.

