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Bethany Andreen-Bailey earned her master's degree in Medical Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Washington in 2016 and has worked as a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) for Penrose-St. Francis since October 2017. During her time, she has built the acute care speech caseload at St. Francis Hospital by educating doctors and nurses on the roles of SLPs.

Bethany has been integral at implementing protocols to increase imaging to better serve patients, and recently helped to start a Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) program at St. Francis Medical Center. Additionally, she performs infant, pediatric, and adult modified barium swallow studies (MBSS).

Bethany is co-leader of the Penrose-St. Francis Brain Injury Support and is co-host of the Medical SLP Journal Club Group. In this roll, she recently founded the Colorado Springs Swallowing Support group through the National Foundation of Swallowing Disorders.

In addition to her professional experiences with swallowing disorders, Bethany has a close relative with dysphagia, which provides her with a unique perspective on what it means to have a loved one with a swallowing disorder. This insight motivates her to provide patient-centered care.

