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Salus University Launches Support Group for Laryngectomy, Throat Cancer Patients

Elkins Park, Pa. – The Speech-Language Institute (SLI) of Salus University has announced a newly formed Laryngectomee/Throat Cancer Club for those who have undergone laryngectomy surgery and those afflicted with throat cancer. An open house event for the club is slated for **Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 4:00-7:00 p.m.**, at the Speech-Language Institute of Salus University, 8380 Old York Road, Suite 2100, Elkins Park, Pa. Participation is free of charge.

Led by professional speech language pathologist and SLI clinical educator Amy Lustig, PhD, CCC-SLP, the group aims to provide a supportive environment in which to share information, personal stories and ideas for living well. Those who have undergone laryngectomy surgery – the removal of the larynx – may experience difficulty speaking, swallowing and breathing; those with throat cancer experience similar issues.

Dr. Lustig said she was motivated to start the club because she recognized the lack of available support groups for these populations. "There are limited community-based resources for people living with laryngectomy surgeries and the chronic effects of throat cancer," she said. "I wanted to create a space where people could come together and share their experiences, obtain information, and find support with one another."

Those interested in learning more or in signing up can contact SLI at 215-780-3150 or slinstitute@salus.edu.

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