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This book aims to provide a guide to gathering evidence as part of everyday practice, bridging the gap between clinical practice and active research. There are three sections covering how to gather evidence, answer clinical questions, disseminate findings and move on to further research.

There is a thought-provoking chapter on the evaluation of training, illustrating how and why we need to be able to demonstrate outcomes for people with communication and swallowing difficulties, as well as cost effectiveness. Nick Miller highlights the importance of considering quality of life, and Jan Broomfield outlines how valuable information can be gathered as part of routine data collection. The involvement of service users is a recurrent theme throughout.

This book provides a very accessible and practical guide that is realistic to SLTs in clinical practice. It will be the answer to the prayers of any SLT who wants to start collecting evidence in a useful way, but has difficulty in knowing where to start.