

## SWALLOWING AND FEEDING TEAM REFERRAL PLAN

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Date form completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by/title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply

### MEDICAL INFORMATION

- repeated respiratory infections/history of recurring pneumonia
- received nutrition through tube feeding
- vocal cord paralysis
- cleft palate
- reported medical history of swallowing problems
- history of head injury
- weight loss/failure to thrive
- frequent constipation, diarrhea, or other GI tract problems

### OBSERVED BEHAVIORS

- requires special diet or diet modification (i.e. baby foods, thickener, soft food only)
- poor upper body control
- poor oral motor functioning
- maintains open mouth posture
- drooling
- nasal regurgitation
- food remains in mouth after meals (pocketing)
- wet breath sounds and/or gurgly voice quality following meals or drinking
- coughing/choking during meals
- swallowing solid food without chewing
- effortful swallowing
- eyes watering/tearing during mealtime
- unusual head/neck posturing during eating
- hypersensitive gag reflex
- refusal to eat
- food and/or drink escaping from mouth or trach tube
- spitting up or vomiting associated with eating and drinking
- slurred speech
- meal time takes more than 30 minutes

Additional information or comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT INPUT – FEEDING AND SWALLOWING**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current height and weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your student feed himself/herself?  yes, independently  yes, with assistance  no

Does your student enjoy mealtime? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know when your student is hungry? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know when your student is full? \_\_\_\_\_

How long does it take your student to complete a meal?

- 10-20 min                       20-30 min                       30-40 min                       >60 min

Does your student have trouble with any of the following?

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> choking during a meal                     | <input type="checkbox"/> breathing   | <input type="checkbox"/> chronic ear infection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> chewing                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> gurgly or "wet" voice   | <input type="checkbox"/> gagging               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> noisy breathing                           | <input type="checkbox"/> biting on utensils  | <input type="checkbox"/> drooling              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> vomiting                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> very fussy eating behaviors   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tongue thrust                             |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> coughing with or without spraying of food | <input type="checkbox"/> sensitive to being touched around the mouth   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> chronic respiratory problems              | <input type="checkbox"/> drooling: <input type="checkbox"/> constant <input type="checkbox"/> frequent <input type="checkbox"/> occasional |  |

Was or is your student fed through feeding tube?  yes  no

If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Why?  aspiration  medication  transition to oral feeding  liquids only  other

What are your student's food preferences?

Likes

Dislikes

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What kinds of food does your child eat?

- |  |                                 |  |                                      |
|--|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> liquids           | <input type="checkbox"/> pureed | <input type="checkbox"/> chopped           | <input type="checkbox"/> table foods |
| <input type="checkbox"/> thickened liquids | <input type="checkbox"/> mashed | <input type="checkbox"/> bite-sized pieces | (whatever your family is eating)     |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> ground |  |                                      |

Does your student take any nutritional supplements?

Yes  No If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Do certain foods/liquids appear to be more difficult for your student to eat? \_\_\_\_\_

How is your student positioned during feeding?

- |   |  |                                     |                                |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> sitting in a chair | <input type="checkbox"/> sitting in a wheelchair | <input type="checkbox"/> sitting    |                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> held on lap        | <input type="checkbox"/> reclined                | <input type="checkbox"/> lying down | <input type="checkbox"/> other |

What utensils are used?

- bottle       spoon       sippy cup       cup (no lid)       straw

Other adaptive equipment \_\_\_\_\_

Has your student ever had a swallow study?  yes  no If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

What were the results? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments or concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## INTERDISCIPLINARY CONSULTATION SWALLOWING AND FEEDING OBSERVATION/EVALUATION

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Date of consultation: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_ Exceptionality: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

SLP: \_\_\_\_\_ OT: \_\_\_\_\_ Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical history: \_\_\_\_\_

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

During this consultation, the student was:

Seating:  wheelchair  Tumbleform  Rifton chair  other: \_\_\_\_\_

Student position:  upright  semi-upright  reclining<30°  other: \_\_\_\_\_

Food presented by:  classroom teacher  paraprofessional  parent  other: \_\_\_\_\_

Utensils used:  bottle  sippy cup  cup  spoon  straw

### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Behavior:  cooperative  resistant  refusal  other: \_\_\_\_\_

Alertness:  alert  lethargic  irritable  other: \_\_\_\_\_

Follows directions:  verbal  gestural  none  single step only

Visual impairment:  mild impairment  moderate impairment  severe impairment

### GENERAL PHYSICAL OBSERVATIONS

Abnormal reflexes observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Trunk:  excessive extension  dystonia  scoliosis  kyphotic  asymmetric

Head control:  adequate  poor  excessive head/neck hyper extension  receives external positioning  
 receives manual positioning  reflexive position patterns

Facial:  asymmetrical  contortions  jaw extension  grimaces/tics  
 open mouth posture  increase tone  decrease tone

Breathing patterns:  mouth breather  audible inhalation

### OBSERVATION OF FEEDING

Food consistencies:  pureed  ground  mashed  chopped

bite size  mixed (indicate consistencies of mixtures)

Food presented during evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

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	Indicate food Consistency	Indicate observed behaviors	Additional observations
Accepts food			
Lips			
• poor lip closure			
• drooling			
• reduced lip action to clear material			
Tongue			
• poor bolus formation/movement			
• decrease anterior/posterior movement			
• food residue			
Absence of rotary jaw movement			
Munching jaw movement			
Delayed swallow initiation			
Swallow delay			
Cough following swallow			
• Increased clearing throat			
Residual food in oral cavity			
Cued swallow			
Fatigues easily			

**OBSERVATION OF DRINKING**

Liquid consistencies:       unthickened       nectar       honey       pudding

Liquid presented during evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

	Indicate Liquid consistency	Indicate observed behaviors	Additional observations
Tongue thrust			
Reduced tongue retraction			
Anterior loss			
Limited jaw opening			
Limited upper lip closure over cup			
Delayed swallow			
Coughing following drink			

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERDISCIPLINARY CONSULTATION CONDUCTED BY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speech/language pathologist

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupational therapist

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nurse

**ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**SWALLOWING AND FEEDING PLAN**

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Date of plan: \_\_\_\_\_

Review date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Dysphagia Case Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

If there are any questions regarding this student's feeding plan, please contact the Case Manager at the following location(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Case history: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FEEDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Positioning: \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment: \_\_\_\_\_

Tube Fed:  tube fed/nothing by mouth  tube and oral fed  
amount fed orally: \_\_\_\_\_

**Diet/food prep**

Food consistency:  pureed  ground  chopped  mashed  bite sized

Liquid consistency:  no liquids  thin liquids

thickened liquids (circle): nectar honey pudding

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FEEDING PLAN TECHNIQUES/PRECAUTIONS**

Amount of food per bite: \_\_\_\_\_

Food placement: \_\_\_\_\_

Keep student in upright position \_\_\_\_\_ minutes after meal

Offer a drink after \_\_\_\_\_ bites

Additional precautions/comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SWALLOWING AND FEEDING PLAN IN SERVICE TRAINING**

I, the undersigned, have read and been trained on implementing the swallowing and feeding plan for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, I agree to follow the swallowing program as specified.

Name	Position	Date Review	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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**PRE VFSS INFORMATION FORM**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date form completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Referring SLP: \_\_\_\_\_ CA \_\_\_\_\_  
Brief medical history \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Positional concerns/adaptive equipment currently used at school: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current diet: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SUMMARY OF INTERDISCIPLINARY CONSULTATION**

The following was observed during a clinical observation of the student's feeding and swallowing at school.

Oral phase

- drooling
- pocketing:  lateral sulcus  anterior sulcus
- not clearing the oral cavity before swallow
- anterior loss/poor lip seal
- excessive chewing
- hyper/hypo sensitivity
- difficulty with bolus formation

Pharyngeal phase inferences

- coughing/choking: \_\_\_\_\_ before \_\_\_\_\_ after \_\_\_\_\_ during swallow
- delay in triggering swallow
- wet/gurgly voice quality after swallow
- decreased/absent laryngeal elevation
- expectorating food
- repetitive swallows

Information that the school system would like to get from the VFSS is as follows:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

We have included a Tammany Parish School Board Authorization for Release of Confidential Information

**SWALLOWING AND FEEDING TEAM PROCEDURE CHECKLIST**

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Student: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SLP: \_\_\_\_\_ OT: \_\_\_\_\_ Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROCEDURE**

**DATE**

Referral form completed and sent to Dysphagia Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian informed of consent \_\_\_\_\_

Interdisciplinary consultation conducted \_\_\_\_\_

IEP meeting held (check attendance)

1. Person attending:

teacher

IEP facilitator

administrator

SLP

nurse

other: \_\_\_\_\_

OT

parent/guardian

2. Addressed at IEP (check issues addressed)

emergency plan

referral to physician

special diet

medical history

release of information

temporary feeding plan

Training is conducted (check and date)

\_\_\_\_\_ emergency plan

\_\_\_\_\_ feeding plan

\_\_\_\_\_

Medical information/referral from physician is requested (check and date)

\_\_\_\_\_ clinical evaluation

\_\_\_\_\_ VFSS

\_\_\_\_\_

Studies conducted (VFSS attended by case manager)

\_\_\_\_\_

Diet prescription is sent to/received from physician

\_\_\_\_\_

Diet order faxed to food service supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_

School cafeteria manager and parent/guardian notified of diet order

\_\_\_\_\_

Diet changes started at school

\_\_\_\_\_

Therapy feeding guidelines and swallowing treatment plan developed

\_\_\_\_\_

IEP reconvened to update information

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School personnel and parent/guardians trained in feeding/treatment plan

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Feeding/treatment plan initiated

\_\_\_\_\_