

Appendix A. Dysphagia severity rating scale (DSRS)

With subscales giving old consistencies and new IDDSI levels.

Score	Fluids	Score	Diet	Score	Supervision
4	No oral fluids	4	Non oral feeding	4	No oral feeding
3	IDDSI level 4 – extremely thick	3	IDDSI level 4 - pureed diet or level 5 – minced & moist	3	Therapeutic feeding (SALT/trained staff)
2	IDDSI level 3 – moderately thick	2	IDDSI level 6 – soft & bite sized	2	Feeding by third party (untrained)
1	IDDSI level 1 – slightly thick or level 2 mildly thick	1	IDDSI level 7 - easy to chew	1	Eating with supervision
0	IDDSI level 0 - thin	0	IDDSI level 7- regular	0	Eating independently

DSRS supervision score 3 is always chosen when a patient is on limited or consistent oral trials and still requires NG/ PEG tube. Oral trials are scored from the fluid and diet subscales (i.e. 3 onwards) and can be either trials of food *or* fluid or trials of food *and* fluids.

SALT = speech and language therapist

Total score out of 12 (range 0 – 12). Death is assigned 13.

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