



Oral-Motor Examination

Dysphagia Ed.

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JAW OPEN TO RESISTANCE: 'OPEN YOUR MOUTH'
JAW LATERALIZATION: 'MOVE YOUR JAW SIDE-SIDE'
FACIAL SENSATION

ORAL RESIDUE
POCKETING
PROLONGED TIME OF MASTICATION

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FACIAL SYMMETRY
UPPER FACIAL ROM: 'RAISE YOUR EYEBROWS/FROWN'
LOWER FACIAL ROM: 'SMILE/POUCH'
LIP STRENGTH/ROUNDING: 'PUFF AIR INTO YOUR CHEEKS'

ANTERIOR LOSS
SALIVA MANAGEMENT

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VOLITIONAL COUGH: 'GIMME A STRONG COUGH'
REFLEXIVE COUGH: COUGH REFLEX TEST
VOLITIONAL SWALLOW: 'SWALLOW YOUR SALIVA'
PALATAL ELEVATION: 'SAY AH. AH. AHHH'
VOICE QUALITY: 'SAY AHHH', 'DOES THIS VOICE SOUND NORMAL TO YOU'

HIGH RISK OF SILENT ASPIRATION
REDUCED LARYNGEAL SENSATION
NASAL REGURGITATION
REDUCED PHARYNGEAL CONTRACTION

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TONGUE SYMMETRY: 'STICK YOUR TONGUE OUT'
TONGUE MOVEMENT: 'MOVE IT SIDE-SIDE/ UP-DOWN'
TONGUE STRENGTH: 'PUSH YOUR TONGUE AGAINST MY FINGER'

A-P TRANSFER
ORAL RESIDUE
ORAL STAGE DIFFICULTIES

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*ALWAYS COMMENT ON SYMMETRY, ROM, & STRENGTH

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