

CALHN SPEECH PATHOLOGY

DF SPEECH PATHOLOGY SWALLOW STUDY REFERRAL

'DF Speech Pathology Swallow Study' (formerly referred to as 'Modified Barium Swallow') referrals require consideration of the following access criteria.

If the client has recently had an inpatient admission at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) or The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH), please send the completed referral form to the respective hospital.

If the client has not recently been admitted to the RAH or TQEH, please send the completed form to the hospital closest to their residential address.

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Access criteria must be met for radiological Outpatient DF Speech Pathology Swallow Study:

- **Cognition:** Clients with cognitive/behavioural issues must be able to provide consent personally or via NOK/guardian and be accompanied by a carer.
- **Mobility:** Independent mobility or wheelchair sitting stability is required for up to 2 hours.
- **Continence:** Independent toileting, carer-assisted toileting, or incontinence aids for protection is required.
- Clinical swallowing examination should be completed within 4 weeks preceding MBS referral.

Referral involves provision of a medical referral letter in addition to a signed radiology form.

If there is an external treating Speech Pathologist they are requested to:

- Discuss rationale, associated risks and potential outcomes of the DF SP Swallow study with the client/NOK & Medical Officer before referral.
- Practise any swallowing techniques and manoeuvres that may benefit the client and wish to be trialled during MBS.
- Attend the procedure with their client to maximise opportunity for assessment.
- Be responsible for ongoing client management, education, GP liaison and associated external documentation pre and post MBS.

If further discussion or advice is required, please contact the relevant Speech Pathology Department.