

#### Nothing new!

- Use of modified food textures has been known to be employed for many millennia
- Neanderthal anatomy more adapted for anterior biting and chewing
  - Teeth employed as a thir



- Liquid Flow Manipulation
  - Thickening
  - Slowing liquids offsets latent swallow
  - Allows time for safe reaction:
    - Bradykinesia
    - Dystonia
    - Apraxia

The Case for Manipulating Texture and Flow

- Solid Food Manipulation
  - Reducing particle size
  - Reduces labor in mastication
    - Limits fatigue
      - May increase oral intake
    - Lessens need for manual bolus manipulation
      - Weakness
      - Apraxia
      - ROM
      - Cognitive decline

Elders

- · Chew solid foods longer
  - Higher number of chews and with lower mastication efficiency compared to young adults (Mioche, Bourdiol, & Peyron, 2004).
  - Increase the number of chews until swallowing.
  - Chewing duration and number of chews increased with age while muscle activity per chew declined
- Increase in consumption time and chews per bite

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Food Properties

- Food properties significantly alter masticatory behavior
- The number of chewing cycles and chewing duration both increase with the hardness of food.
- Amount of time that the food is accumulated in the valleculae is also extended with
- greater food hardness.
- · Food dryness increases duration of chewing cycles

# Eating capability

- Combination of capabilities
  - Physical
  - Physiological
  - Cognitive

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### Laryngeal Anatomy

- Larynx rises above floor of pharynxNatural barrier to lower airway
- Shield effect
- Deflects food and liquid around airway Airway size
- 1.8 cm<sup>2</sup>
  - Increases when seated upright







### Systematic Review

- There IS evidence that thickening helps those who aspirate thin liquids
- There is ALSO evidence that there is such a thing as "too thick", where residue begins to accumulate
- · There is no specific evidence to point to particular rheological values that define the boundaries of effective thickening (either just thick enough or too thick)



#### Systematic Review

- There IS evidence solid food and thicker consistencies require greater effort in oral processing and swallowing
- There is very little literature specifically about texture modified food used for the management of dysphagia

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2 Mildly Thick

**3 Moderately Thick** 



3 LIQUID 3 MOD	ISED ERATELY THICK CONSTRUCTION
Description/characteristics Texture restrictions shown in summary table	<ul> <li>Can be drunk from a cup</li> <li>Some effort is required to suck through a standard bore or wide bore straw (wide bore straw = 0.275 inch or 6.9 mm)</li> <li>Cannot be piped, layered or moulded on a plate</li> <li>Cannot be acta with a fork because it drips slowly in dollops through the prongs</li> <li>Can be eater with a fork because it drips slowly in dollops through the prongs</li> <li>Can be eater with a fork because it drips slowly in dollops directly</li> <li>Smooth texture with no 'bits' (lumps, fibers, bits of shell or skin, husk, particles of gristle or bone)</li> </ul>
Physiological rationale for this level of thickness	If tongue control is insufficient to manage Mildiy Thick drinks (Level 2) this Liquidised/Moderately thick level may be suitable Allows more time for oral control Needs some tongue propulsion effort Pain on swallowing

	3 LIQUIDISED 3 MODERATELY THICK
TESTING METHODS	
See also IDDSI Testing Metho	ds document or http://iddsi.org/framework/drink-testing-methods/ and
http://iddsi.org/framework/	food-testing-methods/
IDDSI Flow Test*	<ul> <li>Test liquid flows through a 10 ml slip tip syringe leaving &gt; 8 ml in the syringe after 10 seconds (see Syringe Test Guide*)</li> </ul>
Fork Drip Test	Drips slowly in dollops through the prongs of a fork     Tines/Prongs of a fork do <u>not</u> leave a clear pattern on the surface     Spreads out if spilled onto a flat surface
Spoon Tilt Test	Easily pours from spoon when tilted; does not stick to spoon
Chopstick Test	Chopsticks are not suitable for this texture
Finger Test	<ul> <li>It is not possible to hold a sample of this food texture using fingers, however, this texture slides smoothly and easily between the thumb and fingers, leaving a coating</li> </ul>

TESTING METHODS See also IDDSI Testing Methods do	
IDDSI Flow test*	<ul> <li>n/a Flow test not applicable, please revert to Fork Drip Test and Spoon Tilt Test</li> </ul>
Fork Pressure test	The tines/prongs of a fork can make a clear pattern on the surface, and/or the food retains the indentation from the fork     No lumps
Fork Drip test	<ul> <li>Sample sits in a mound/pile above the fork; a small amount may</li> </ul>
Fork Drip test contd.	flow through and form a tail below the fork tines/prongs, but it does not flow or drip <u>continuously</u> through the prongs of a fork
Spoon Tilt test	<ul> <li>Cohesive enough to hold its shape on the spoon Af luil spoord must plop of the spoon if the spoon is titled or turned sideways; a very gentle flick may be necessary to dislodge the sample from the spoon, but the sample should side off easily with very little food left on the spoon; i.e. the sample should <u>not</u> be firm and stoky</li> <li>May spread out slightly or slump very slowly on a flat plate</li> </ul>
Chopstick test	Chopsticks are not suitable for this texture
Finger test	It is just possible to hold a sample of this texture using fingers. The texture slides smoothly and easily between the fingers and leaves noticeable residue
Indicators that a sample is too thick	<ul><li>Does not fall off the spoon when tilted</li><li>Sticks to spoon</li></ul>





### Spoon Tilt Test

The Spoon Tilt Test is used predominantly for measures of samples in levels 4 and 5. The sample should:

- Be cohesive enough to hold its shape on the spoon
   A full spoonful must slide/pour off the spoon if the spoon is tilted or turned sideways or shaken lightly; the sample should slide off easily with very little food left on the spoon; i.e. the sample should not be sticky
- A scooped mound may spread or slump very slightly on a plate



Spoon Tilt Test

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TESTING METHODS See also IDDSI Testing Methods d								
Fork Pressure test	<ul> <li>When pressed with a fork the particles should easily be separated between and come through the tines/prongs of a fork</li> <li>Can be easily mashed with little pressure from a fork [pressure should <u>not</u> make the thumb nail blanch to white]</li> </ul>							
Fork Drip test	<ul> <li>A scooped sample sits in a pile or can mound on the fork and does not easily or completely flow or fall through the tines/prongs of a fork</li> </ul>							
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Chopstick test Chopstick test contd.	<ul> <li>Chopsticks can be used to scoop or hold this texture if the sample is moist and cohesive and the person has very good hand control to use chopsticks</li> </ul>							
Finger test	<ul> <li>It is possible to easily hold a sample of this texture using fingers; small soft, smooth, rounded particles can be easily squashed between fingers. The material will feel moist and leave fingers wet.</li> </ul>							

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Description/characteristics Texture restrictions shown in summary table	Can be eaten with a fork or spoon     Could be eaten with chopstick in some cases, if the individual     has very good hand control     Can be scooped and shaped (e.g. into a ball shape) on a plate     Soft and moist with no sparate thin liquid     Small lumps visible within the food     Paediditic, 2mm lump size     Lumps are easy to squash with tongue
Physiological rationale for this level of thickness	Biting is not required     Minimal chewing is required     Tongue force alone can be used to break soft small particles in     this texture     Tongue force is required to move the bolus     Pain or fatigue on chewing     Missing teeth, poorly fitting dentures

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# Measurement for Foods

#### Fork Pressure Test:

- The slots/gaps between the tines/prongs of a standard metal fork typically measure 4 mm.
- This provides a useful compliance measure for particle size of foods at Level 5 - Minced & Moist.



















# Hard



### Soft



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Soft



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TESTING METHODS See also IDDSI Testing Methods docur	ment or http://iddsi SOFT & BITE-SIZED
Fork Pressure test	<ul> <li>Pressure from a fork held on its side can be used to 'cut' or break this texture into smaller pieces.</li> <li>When a sample the size of a thumb nail (LSxL5 cm) is pressed with the base of a fork to a pressure where the thumb nail blanches to white, the sample sussistes and changes shape, and does not return to its original shape when the fork is removed.</li> </ul>
Spoon Pressure test	<ul> <li>Pressure from a spoon held on its side can be used to 'cut' or break this texture into smaller pieces.</li> <li>When a sample the size of a thumb nail (1.5 cm x1.5 cm) is pressed with the bow of a spoon, the sample squashes and changes shape, and does not return to its original shape when the spoon is removed.</li> </ul>
Chopstick test	Chopsticks can be used to break this texture into smaller pieces
Finger test	Use a sample the size of a thumb nall (L5 cm x L5 cm), It is possible to squash a sample of this texture using finger pressure such that the thumb and Index finger nalls blanch to white. The sample will not return to its initial shape once pressure is released.

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# IDDSI Measurement for Foods

#### IDDSI Fork Pressure Test:

- A fork can be applied to the food sample to observe its behavior when pressure is applied.
- Pressure applied to the food sample has been quantified by assessment of the pressure needed to make the thumb nail blanch noticeably to white.





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# $`Transitional foods'{\rm _{Gisel, 1991, Deve \, med \, Child}}$

Neurol, 33, 69-79; Dovey 2013, Dysphagia, 28, 501-510

- Start as one texture (e.g. solid) and change to another when moisture is applied (saliva, water) or temperature (heat) change occurs
- Minimal chewing required
- Tongue pressure may be sufficient to break food down after alteration in moisture or temperature
- Developmental teaching or rehabilitation of chewing skills





### Bread - dry



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#### FAQ Category: Drinks



# Bread after 1 min in 1ml water



Does not change the shape/dimensions – therefore NOT a dissolvable solid and when compare it to 'soft' – not really soft either!



Dry

1ml in 1 min

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# IDDSI Implementation Department of Veterans Affairs

• Veterans Health Administration

- America's largest integrated health care system
- <u>1,243 health care facilities</u>
   172 medical centers
  - 1,062 outpatient sites of care
  - 364 Preparing/serving food
- 9 million enrolled Veterans each year

### VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System



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Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration Washington, DC 20420 VHA DIRECTIVE 2006-032

#### MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH SWALLOWING (DYSPHAGIA) OR FEEDING DISORDERS

May 17, 2006

PURPOSE: This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive defines the policy and procedures for the assessment, evaluation, treatment, and follow-up of patients with swallowing (dysphagia) or feeding disorders.

<u>Chief</u>, Nutrition Food Services, Program Managers, and Integrated Food Service Managers. The Chief, Nutrition Food Services, Program Managers, and Integrated Food Service Managers are responsible for:

(1) Ensuring that assistive feeding devices are cleaned properly.

(2) Ensuring that nutrition and food services staff comply with meal and snack times.

(3) Ensuring that pre-thickened liquids are available for inpatients and residents.

(4) Ensuring that dietitians adopt and follow standardized diets and diet terminology.

(5) Ensuring dietitians provide standardized diet terminology training to nurses, physicians, and other providers.

(6) Ensuring dietitians use standardized patient and resident education materials for diets.

(7) Ensuring dietitians use standardized outpatient education materials for thickening agents.

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### Aware/Prepare 2017

- Demonstration Project (Proof of Concept) • Joint RD/SLP Activity
- 6 Test sites
- IDDSI flow test for all liquids found
  - Serving temperature
  - Room temperature
  - IDDSI Flow test data ASHA 2017.xlsx

#### Mapping IDDSI Flow Test Data Sheet

IDDSI Flow Test Data Sheet			l I							l I						
			Servine	Tempe	rature D	ata Se				Room To	motr	ature Dar	ta Set			
Product Name	Texture on Labo	Temperature	Trial 1	_	Trial 2		Trial 3			Trial 1		Trial 2		Trial 3		
Ardmore Farms Grape Juice	Thin	Cold	0	ni.	0	mL	0	mi.	(6, ma	0	ml.	0	ml.	0	ani.	(j), ma
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Monarch 100% Prune juice	None	Cold	0	mL.	0	ml.	0	mL	6.74	0	mL	0	mi.	0	mi,	i), ma
OceanSpray Cranberry Juice Cocktail	None	Cold	0	mL.	۰	ml.	0	mi.	(6,m)	•	mL	0	ml.	۰	mi.	(Ö. 1948
Ardmore Farms 100% Orange Juice	None	Cold	0	mL.	۰	ml.	0	mL.	(6, max	0	mL	0	mL	0	mi,	(g), max
Ardmore Farms 100% Grape Juice	None	Cold	0	ml.	۰	ml.	٥	ml.	-6,mi	٥	mL	0	ml.	۰	mi,	(0, ma
Chicken broth (kitchen produced)	None	Hot	0	mL.	٥	ml.	0	mL.	(6. mm	٥	mL	0	mL	0	mi,	(i), mm
Beef broth (kitchen produced)	None	Hot	0	mi.	۰	ml.	٥	ml.	-6,mi	0	mL	0	ml.	۰	mi,	(0, ma
Anderson Erickson lowfat milk 1%	None	Cold	0	mL.	٥	ml.	0	mL.	(6. mm	٥	mL	0	mL.	0	mi,	(i), mm
Ensure	Naturally Thick	Cold	0.2	mi.	0.4	ml.	0.4	mi	-6.mm	0	ml.	0	ml.	0	mi.	(6, ma
Biendarized cream of mushrem soup	None	Hot	0.4	mL.	0.4	ml.	0.6	ent.	. (j. 144	1.6	mL	1.6	mi.	1.4	mi,	A REPORT FROM
Anderson Erickson chocolate milk 2%	None	Cold	0.4	ml.	0.4	ml.	0.4	ml.	(6, test	0	mL	0	ml.	0	ml,	(0, ma
Ensure Plus strawberry (Abbott)	None	Cold	1	nt.	1	ml.	1	mL.	A LOWART THESE	0.4	mL	0.4	mL	0.4	mit	(i), ma
V8 Low Sodium Original	None	Cold	1.4	mL.	1.4	ml.	1.4	mi.	A SUBPLY THOSE	0.8	mL	0.8	mL.	0.8	mi.	(i), ma
Ensure Plus vanilla (Abbott)	None	Cold	1.4	mL.	1.6	ml.	1.4	mL	Autoryteck	0.6	mL	0.6	mL	0.8	mit	8.mm
Biendarized Creamy tomato soup	None	Hot	1.5	mi.	0.4	ml.	0.8	ml.	Assertment	1.2	mL	1.6	ml.	1.8	mi,	Assertment
Blendarized cream of chicken soup	None	Hot	1.5	mL.	1.4	ml.	1.4	mL	Assertation	2.6	mL	2.4	mL	2.2	mi, .	A BURNELY THEOR
Shasta Twist Lemon Lime	None	Cold	1.6	mL.	1.8	ml.	2	ml.	A NAME AND A	0.6	mL	0.6	mL	0.2	mL	(). ma
diet Shasta Cola	None	Cold	1.6	mL.	1.0	mi.	2	ent.	A NUMPLY THAN	0.6	mL	0.6	mL	0.8	mi	a
Shasta Cola	None	Cold	2.2	ml.	1.8	ml.	1.6	ml.	A	1.2	mL	0.6	ml.	0.8	mi.	Assertant
Ensure Plus milk chocolate (Abbott)	None	Cold	2.4	nl.	2.6	ml.	2.4	ml.	A NUMPLY TROS	1.2	mL	1.2	mL.	1.2	mit,	AMPRITAN
diet Shasta Twist Lemon Lime	None	Cold	2.6	mL.	2.2	ml.	2.4	mL	A NAMES TAKE	0	mL	0	ml.	0	mL	0
Campbell's tomato julce	None	Cold	3.6	nl.	2.6	ml.	1.2	ml.	A NUMBER OF THESE	1.6	mL	1.2	mL	1	mL	Assertation
Hormel Thick n' Easy Milk	Nector	Cold	5	mi.	5.2	mL	5	ml.	A MOUTHER	- 4	ml.	- 4	ml.	- 4	mL .	Asserves
Thick & Easy thickened dairy drink nectar	Nectar	Cold	5.4	mL.	5.6	mi.	5.4	eni.	A MARY YORK	3.8	mL	3.6	mL	3.6	mil	A RAPELY THEM
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Thick & Easy Apple Juice	Nector	Cold	8.2	nt.	8.2	mL	8.4	mt	X=	7.6	mL.	7.8	mt.	7.8	mL .	Amarine
Hormel Nectar Milk	Nectar	Cold	8.5	ni.	9	mi.	8,75	mi.	1	8	mL	8.5	mL.	7.75	mi,	1
Hormel Nectar Orange Juice	Nector	Cold	9	mt.	8.75	ml.	9.25	ml.	X==	9	mL	9.25	mL.	9	mi.	<u>1</u>
Hormel Nectar Cranberry Juice	Nectar	Cold	9	nl.	9	ml.	9	ml.	1	8.5	mL	9	mL	8.75	mL	1

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PURPOSE: This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive defines the policy and procedures for the assessment, evaluation, treatment, and follow-up of patients with swallowing (dynahusia) or feeding disorders:

4. ACTION

a. Chief Consultant, Rehabilitation Services. Chief Consultant for Rehabilitation Services is responsible for:

(1) Ensuring that evidence-based clinical practice guidelines are developed and communicated and implemented as required by this Directive.

(2) Ensuring that the content of this Directive is communicated to rehabilitation staff.

(3) Taking those steps necessary to educate speech-language pathologists on clinical indicators for bedside and instrumental exams, follow-up and treatment, monitoring appropriateness of long-standing diet modification orders, and effective use of assistive feeding devices.

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#### **IDDSI** Implentation

- Aware
  - 10-2016
    - VA Central Office Planning
    - Identification of Champions
      - RD
      - SLP
  - 2017/2018 Quarterly Conference
    - Initial conference call
      - Joint SLP/RD
        - >1200 Participants

# **IDDSI** Implementation

#### IDDSI Prepare

- 2 Primary Pilot sites
  - Ann Arbor
  - Cleveland
- Go live March-201910 Secondary Pilots
  - Go live April-2019
- System Wide
  - Q1 of 2021 (October 2020)

# Ann Arbor/Cleveland

#### Mapping Sessions

- Ann Arbor
  - Initial mapping of all NDD Dysphagia trays
- Cleveland
  Mapping of all foods
- IT/Software template development
  - Computrition
  - VA DOS interface

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# Barium Thickener Calculator

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http://steeleswallowinglab.ca/srrl/best-practice/barium-recipes/iddsi-barium-calculator/

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# IDDSI Implementation Plans









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	- IDDSI triangle labels (see b
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