

# Who requires dysphagia imaging: an evidence based flowchart

## Clinical Swallow Evaluation (CSE)

No oropharyngeal dysphagia identified

Oral dysphagia with no indicators of airway invasion

Results from a diagnostic test would not change the plan of care

Patient has diagnosis or condition associated with a high risk of dysphagia (i.e. trach)

Patient with known progression of a degenerative condition

CSE shows impaired safety or efficiency of swallow function

Need to identify disordered swallowing physiology to plan effective treatment

Need to rule out if s/s at bedside are related to dysphagia

Need to assess for improvements following treatment and adjust the plan of care accordingly

Need to rule out dysphagia as source of patient's medical condition (i.e. pneumonia, weight loss, globus sensation, etc)

Imaging NOT indicated

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*Derived from ASHA Adult Dysphagia Practice Portal and dysphagia literature review*