



# Outpatient Videofluoroscopy (VFSS) Referral

**Eligibility criteria** (*tick all that apply*):

- ☐ Patient has had a cranial nerve assessment in the past month
- ☐ Patient has had a bedside swallow assessment in the past month
- ☐ Patient is willing to have a modified diet/fluids if results indicate the need
- ☐ Patient is not currently risk feeding
- ☐ Patient is not currently for end-of-life care

**If patient does not meet the above criteria:** Please contact VFSS Clinician to discuss referral further. Phone: (03) 5722 5555

**Referrals:**

- This referral form must be completed by a Speech Pathologist who has assessed the patient in the past month (oromotor assessment, bedside swallow assessment, +/-cognitive assessment)
- Referral must be accompanied by a Medical Imaging request slip and Barium/Omnipaque clearance from GP

Please complete all 3 pages of this form and return to: [CCIA@nhw.org.au](mailto:CCIA@nhw.org.au)

Date of Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date referral received: \_\_\_\_\_

Priority: \_\_\_\_\_

**PATIENT DETAILS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary language: \_\_\_\_\_

Interpreter required: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

GP & Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Cultural considerations to be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REFERRER DETAILS**

Referrer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## CLINICAL DETAILS

Medical history: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Social history: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current diet: \_\_\_\_\_

Current fluids: \_\_\_\_\_

Food and drink dislikes: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Allergies:** (e.g coeliac, anaphylaxia, Barium) \_\_\_\_\_

Current strategies used to manage dysphagia: (i.e. teaspoon, single sips, chin tuck) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other details to be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## OROMOTOR ASSESSMENT (Comment on any abnormal features)

CNV: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CNVII: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CNIX/X: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CNXII: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## BEDSIDE SWALLOW ASSESSMENT (Comment on any abnormal features)

Consistencies trialed: \_\_\_\_\_

Oral phase: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Pharyngeal phase: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Impression: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## VFSS PROCEDURE

Mobility status: \_\_\_\_\_

Cognitive and communication status: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Patient requires assistance with eating and/or drinking? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes – provide details: \_\_\_\_\_

Diet to trial during VFSS: ☐ Biscuit ☐ Bread ☐ Two fruits  
☐ Minced fruit ☐ Puree ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Fluid to trial during VFSS: ☐ Thin ☐ Mildly thick ☐ Moderately thick  
☐ Extremely thick ☐ Carbonated ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the patient pregnant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Transport: (how patient will attend this appointment) \_\_\_\_\_

Patient has asked for final VFSS report to be sent to specialist: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes – provide specialist details: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## CONSENT AND MEDICAL CLEARANCE

Procedure has been discussed with the patient including the risk of radiation exposure\*\*:

☐ Yes ☐ No

\*\*See attached patient handout for procedure details

Medical clearance for contrast use: **MUST be included in the imaging slip from the GP\***

Patient can consume Barium: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Patient can consume Omnipaque: ☐ Yes ☐ No

\*See attached template for VFSS contrast clearance request to GP

Attached for your convenience:

- VFSS patient information handout
- VFSS request for GP template

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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