# Northeast Health Wangaratta - Speech Videofluoroscopy Clinic Pre-referral Management Guidelines (November r2019)

### **Clinicians involved:**

- Two Speech Pathologist
- Radiographer
- Nurse
- Allied Health Assistant

#### **Clinic Information:**

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Videofluoroscopy Clinic - Monday

- Pre-Assessment: 9am & 9.30am
- <u>Videofluoroscopy Assessment</u>:12pm & 12.30pm
- Post Assessment Phone call: Monday 1.30-3.30pm

#### **Videofluoroscopy Referrals must include:**

- <u>Medical Imaging Request Form</u> from the patient's medical practitioner requesting a videofluoroscopy procedure and the reason for the referral.
- If the patient is seen by a Speech Pathologist, the following is to be included in the referral:
- Referral letter from the Speech Pathologist containing detailed information on:
  - relevant medical history
  - -current oral intake (fluid & food)
  - -current therapeutic techniques used to facilitate improved swallow function
  - -requested fluid &/or food trails
  - -requested therapeutic techniques to be trials to facilitate improved swallow function

### **Conditions SEEN on referral include:**

- Dysphagia (swallowing difficulties)
- Aspiration Pneumonia
- Degenerative Neurological Conditions Parkinson's Disease, MND etc.
- Head and Neck Cancer

## Triage / Receipt of Referral / Appointment Wait Times

Triage	Receipt of referral	Appointment
Videofluoroscopy referrals are considered Priority referrals.	Once a videofluoroscopy referral is received, the referrer will obtain notification that the referral has been received by Northeast Health Wangaratta (NHW).	Videofluoroscopy appointments will be scheduled within 1-2 week of the referral being received (unless otherwise specified). This will include the following; - Pre-Assessment Appointment - Videofluoroscopy Appointment (if required) - Post-Assessment Appointment (if required)

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