

Diet Recommendations by Speech-Language Pathologists

Site Applicability

All PHC sites where EHR CERNER has been implemented

Practice Level

Basic: Speech-Language Pathologists

Need to Know

In the Cerner Electronic Health Record the term “order” applies to both an initial order and to the modification of an existing order.

It is within the scope of practice of Speech-Language Pathologists to recommend diet textures and fluid viscosities by placing an “order” in Cerner. Speech-Language Pathologists may also copy existing therapeutic diets in Cerner, e.g. diabetic diets, renal diets.

A provider order for S-LP swallowing assessment is required for patients who are NPO.

Guideline

Interventions

Following dysphagia assessment, Speech-Language Pathologist can recommend diet textures and fluid viscosities.

Documentation

Document assessment and recommended diet textures in the patient record. Initiate and modify the patient’s active diet order to reflect the required diet texture and fluid viscosity in the electronic health record. Document therapeutic diet orders in the patient record by copying existing therapeutic diet orders.

Patient and Family Education

Provide information and education to patient, family and interdisciplinary team as needed. Ensure safety signage is in place.

Related Documents

[B-00-07-10010](#) – Dysphagia Management Acute Care (PHC)

[BD-00-07-40026](#) –Dysphagia Management: safe Eating and Drinking (Residential Care) PHC-VCH

References

College of Speech and Hearing BC Standards of Practice

<https://www.cshbc.ca/registrants/registrant-resources/standards-of-practice/>

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