

# Dysphagia Screening Tool – Inpatient Documentation

When caring for a Stroke patient, it is important to add the Dysphagia Screening Tool

1 This tool is available in the same location as the NIH scale

The screenshot shows a patient chart with a table of assessment data. The 'Dysphagia Screening Tool' is highlighted in blue within the 'Neuro' group. The table includes columns for dates 4/7/19 and 4/8/19, and rows for various clinical observations.

Assessment	4/7/19	4/8/19
Significant Event		
Patient Observation		Sleeping
Glasgow Coma Scale		
Best Eye Response	4→(E4) spontaneous	4→(E4) s...
Best Verbal Response	5→(V5) oriented	5→(V5) o...
Best Motor Response	6→(M6) obeys com...	6→(M6) ...
Glasgow Coma Scale Score	15	15 (calcula...
Assessment Qualifiers		patient no...
Cognitive		
Cognitive WDL	WDL	WDL
Mood/Behavior		calm
Neuro		
Neuro	WDL	Dysphagia Screening Tool
WDL		WDL
Swallowing Signs/Symptoms	swallows without diff...	swallows ...
Motor Response	General	General
General	purposeful motor res...	purposeful ...
Dysphagia Screening Tool		
Patient is awake & alert and able to		
Dysphagia Screening		

2 Follow the instructions listed in the group and row information

The screenshot shows the same patient chart as above, but with the 'Dysphagia Screening' group expanded. The instructions for the tool are visible in the right-hand pane.

**Dysphagia Screening**

- Wet or gurgling vocal quality/Drooling
- Select Multiple Options: (F5)
- Wet or gurgling vocal quality
- Cannot produce voluntary cough or clear
- Drooling
- New onset Facial weakness
- No voice, is non-verbal or mute
- Speech/Voice Changes
- Complaint or history of dysphagia
- Unexplained weight loss or dehydration
- Patient has a feeding tube
- Patient receiving TRN
- Swallows without difficulty
- Other (comment)
- Comment (F6)