

# **Level 3 Liquidised Diet**

Information for patients, relatives and carers



# RDaSH

nurturing the power in our communities



## **Description / Characteristics**

- No biting or chewing required.
- Can be drunk from a cup.
- Can be eaten with a spoon.
- Cannot be piped, layered or moulded on a plate would not hold its shape.
- Cannot be eaten with a fork because it drips through the prongs.
- No chewing required can be swallowed straight away.
- Smooth texture with no 'bits' (lumps, fibres, bits of shell, husks, particles of gristle or bone or skin).

## **Test Methods**

#### Fork/Spoon test

- Drips slowly in dollops through the prongs of a fork
- Prongs of a fork do not leave a clear pattern on the surface
- Spreads out if spilled onto a flat surface
- Easily pours from a spoon when tilted, does not stick to a spoon.

#### Finger test

It is not possible to hold a sample of this food texture using fingers, however, this texture slides smoothly and easily between the thumb and fingers, leaving a coating.

# Meal preparation tips:

- It is important that meals look attractive and appetising
- Ensure to prepare each component of the meal seperately
- Ensure foods are well cooked and season to add taste
- To maintain their nutritional quality always blend foods with nutritious fluids, e.g. gravy, sauces, milk or juices.

#### Important

Sauces must be added before blending OR if added afterwards must be prepared to level 3 consistency. This will ensure that the meal is the correct single, smooth texture.

### How to have a balanced diet:

# All food groups must be prepared as per the above level 3 guidance (Liquidised).

- Carbohydrates: e.g. potatoes, tinned pasta shapes (pureed/liquidised), and cereal such as pureed/liquidised e.g Ready brek (include a portion at each meal meal / 3 portions per day)
- Protein: e.g. fish, meat, chicken, eggs, lentils/pulses, meat alternatives, e.g. tofu or Quorn (2-3 portions per day)
- Fruit and vegetables: e.g. banana, carrot, broccoli (5 portions per day)
- Dairy: e.g. cheese, smooth yoghurt, chocolate custard, milk or alternatives (3 portions per day)
- High fibre: e.g. oats and wholegrains and fruit (include a portion at each meal / 3 portions per day).
- 4 | Level 3 Liquidised Diet 3

## Suitable menu ideas:

The following ideas are suitable to be modified and must meet the following requirements and made into the consistency as described previously.

#### **Breakfast:**

#### Must be liquidised.

- Soft fruit (e.g. banana, tinned peaches, raspberries, stewed apple and smooth yoghurt/fromage frais
- Weetabix, rice crispies or cornflakes with milk and soft fruit
- Smooth porridge or instant oats with milk and soft fruit
- Homemade smoothie (e.g. fruit, oats and milk)
- Scrambled, boiled or poached egg, beans, sausage, chopped tomato and potato.

#### Light meals:

#### Must be liquidised.

- Cream of soups (check fluid recommendations) with bread blended into the soup
- Omelette with cheese sauce
- Jacket potato filling with tuna mayonnaise, baked beans or cream cheese
- Tinned pasta meals e.g. ravioli, macaroni cheese, spaghetti bolognese
- Filling of a quiche.

#### Main meals:

#### Must be liquidised.

Ensure to have a portion of protein, carbohydrate and vegetables.

- Stews/casseroles
- Corned beef hash
- Cottage/shepherd's pie
- Bolognaise sauces with pasta
- Chilli con carne with rice
- Chicken curry with rice
- Lamb/chicken with soft noodles and a sauce
- Flaked fish or salmon with potatoes, vegetables and parsley sauce.



#### Make your own meals:

#### Stage 3 liquidised.

- Meat, chicken or alternative with sauces, e.g. white or cheese sauce, gravy, cranberry, mint or horseradish
- Salmon with hollandaise sauce or white fish with parsley/butter sauce Served with:
- Mashed potato, sweet potato or rice, blended with milk
- Vegetables, e.g. carrots, cauliflower/cheese, broccoli, parnsips, mushy peas, butternut squash.

#### **Desserts:**

#### Must be liquidised.

- Crème Caramel
- Mousse or instant whip
- Smooth milk puddings: semolina/ground rice
- Smooth yoghurts
- Soft fruit
- Smooth trifles
- Panacotta
- Smooth fruit fool
- Cheesecake topping
- Egg custard filling
- Plain cake with cream or custard.

# What if I need to gain weight?

- Eat on a little and often basis
- Add additional double cream, sauces, butter, cheese, dried milk powder, or full fat milk or enriched milk to your meals and instead of your meals and desserts
- Add sugar, jam, honey or syrups to cereal and desserts
- Avoid all low fat or 'light' products
- Use full fat or thick and creamy food products
- Try to have a dessert or high calorie snack between meals
- Try to have a dessert, or pudding after main meals
- Avoid drinks just before meals
- Try to have milky/nourishing drinks between meals.



# **Getting help:**

If you notice changes to your own swallow (eating / drinking), or that of an individual you support or care for, please contact your local Speech and Language Therapy Team for advice.

# **Doncaster Speech and Language Therapy Service** 03000 218996

05000 216990

If you notice a reduction in appetite or weight, or that of an individual you support or care for, please contact your local Dietetic Team for advice.

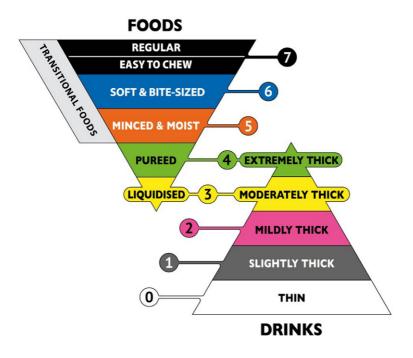
#### **Doncaster Dietetic Service**

03000 218996

# Adult Learning Disability Team Speech and Language Therapy Service

03000 212878

These are **not** official IDDSI resources, educational materials or education programs and they are **not** meant to replace materials and resources on www.IDDSI.org



© The International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative 2019 @ https://iddsi.org/framework/ Licensed under the CreativeCommons Attribution Sharealike 4.0 License https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/legalcode. Derivative works extending beyond language translation are NOT PERMITTED.

PhotoS: p6 @envato/Feirlight; p8 @envato/ff-photo

If you would like this in large print, braille or on audiotape or would like this document in an alternative language, please contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service on 0800 015 4334. Amharic ይሕንን ጽሁፍ በግልተ እንዲታይዎ በትልቁ፣ በብሬል ተጽፎ ወይም በቴፕ ተቀድቶ ወይም በሌላ ቋንቋ ተጽፎ ለማየት የሚራልን ከሆነ የበሽተኞች ምክርና ማንኙነት አባልማሎትን በዚህ ቁጥር 0800 015 4334 Rona 81.294-= Arabic إذا أردت الحصول على هذه الوثيقة بالخط الكبير أو بلغة برايل أو على هيئة شريط صوتي أو مترجمة إلى لغة بديلة فيرجى الإتصال بخدمة التنسيق ونصيحة المريض Patient Advice and Liaison Service على رقم الهاتف 4334 0800 . Bengali আপনি যদি এটা বড় অক্ষরের ছাপায়, ব্রেইল-এ, বা কানে শোনার টেইপ-এ পেতে চান অথবা আপনি যদি এই কাগজটা অন্য কোন ভাষায় পেতে চান, তাহলে দয়া করে 0800 015 4334 নম্বরে পেশেন্ট এ্যাড়ভাইস এন্ড লিয়েজঁ সার্ভিসের সাথে যোগাযোগ করবেন। Cantonese (traditional Chinese) 如果你希望本文件是采用大字印刷、盲文或录音磁带等格式,或者希望本文件是使用其它的语言,请联 络病患建议与联络服务(Patient Advice and Liaison Service), 电话号码: 0800 015 4334。 Czech Pokud byste chtěli dokument psaný většími písmeny, brailovým písmem nebo na zvukové kazetě nebo v jiném jazyku, prosím, kontaktujte poradenskou službu pacientům na tel. 0800 015 4334. Farsi در صورت تمایل به داشتن این سند به نسخه اي با چاپ درشت تر ، به خط بریل یا نسخه صوتي، و یا به زباني دیگر ، لطفا با دفتر خدمات مشاوره و هماهنگی بیماران به شماره تلفن ۱۵٤۳۳۶ . . . ۸ . تماس حاصل نمایید. French Si vous désirez ce document en gros caractères, en braille, enregistré sur cassette audio ou dans une autre langue, veuillez contacter le service de conseils et liaison des patients [Patients Advice and Liaison Service] au 0800 015 4334. Kurdish Sorani نەگەر ئەم زاتپاريانە بە چاپى گەررە، برايل يان لەسەر شريتى دىناگى دىغوازىت ياخود نەم بەلگەنلەمەبە زماتيكى ديكە دىغوازىت، تكايە يەيوىندى بكە بە خزمەتگرزارى رينمايى و ھاوناھەنگى نەخۋشەو، بە ژمارە 4334 005 0800. Polish Jeżeli dokument wymagany jest w wersji drukowanej dużą czcionką lub alfabetem Braille'a. na kasecie audio lub w innym języku, prosimy o kontakt z zespołem ds. kontaktów z pajentami (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) pod numerem telefonu 0800 015 4334. Puniahi ਜੇ ਤਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਵੱਡੀ ਛਪਾਈ , ਬ੍ਰੇਲ ਜਾਂ ਸਣਨ ਵਾਲੀ ਟੇਪ ਤੇ ਚਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ ਜਾਂ ਇਸ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਨੂੰ ਹੋਰ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਚਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਮਰੀਜ਼ ਸਲਾਹ ਅਤੇ ਤਾਲ-ਮੋਲ ਸੋਵਾ (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) ਨਾਲ 0800 015 4334 ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ। Somali Haddii aad jeclaan lahayd in aad kan ku hesho far waaweyn, farta braille ee dadka indhaha la' ama cajalad dhegeysi ah ama haddii aad jeclaan lahayd in aad dukumeentigan ku hesho luqad kale, fadlan Adeegga Talobixinta iyo Xiriirinta ee Bukaanleyda (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) kala soo xiriir lambarka 0800 015 4334. Turkish Bu belgeyi büyük yazı, braille (kör alfabesi) veya ses kaydı olarak veya baska bir dilde almak istiyorsanız, lütfen 0800 015 4334 no.lu telefondan Hasta Danısmanlık ve İrtibat Hizmetleri ile bağlantıya geçiniz. Urdu ا گرآپ یہ بڑی چھپائی، ہریل میں یاصوتی شیب پر حاصل کر ناچاہیں پایہ دیتاد پر کمی متبادل زبان میں چاہیں تو ہرائے کرم پیشنٹ ایڈ دائس اینڈ لیئزان سر وس سے 0800 015 4334 يردابطه كري-Vietnamese Nếu muốn có tài liêu này dưới dang in chữ cỡ lớn hơn, chữ nổi braille hay bằng ghi âm, hoặc bằng một ngôn ngữ khác, xin quý vị liên hệ bộ phân Dịch vụ Tư vấn và Liên lạc với Bệnh nhân theo số 0800 015 4334. This information is correct at the time of publishing Last Reviewed: November 2024



#### Please tell us about your experience of

**RDaSH...** What was good? What could be better? Scan the QR code or call: **(?)** 0800 1223135.



We are a smokefree organisation. Please provide a smoke free environment for your healthcare provider. **SMOKEFREE** 



DP8631/11.24