

EAT-10: A Swallowing Assessment Tool

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

SEX

AGE

DATE

OBJECTIVE:

EAT-10 helps to assess for potential swallowing difficulties

It may be important for you to talk with your doctor about treatment options for symptoms.

A. INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer each question by writing the number of points in the boxes.

To what extent do you experience the following problems?

1 My swallowing problem has caused me to lose weight.

0 = no problem

1

2

3

4 = severe problem

6 Swallowing is painful.

0 = no problem

1

2

3

4 = severe problem

2 My swallowing problem interferes with my ability to go out for meals.

0 = no problem

1

2

3

4 = severe problem

7 The pleasure of eating is affected by my swallowing.

0 = no problem

1

2

3

4 = severe problem

3 Swallowing liquids takes extra effort.

0 = no problem

1

2

3

4 = severe problem

8 When I swallow food sticks in my throat.

0 = no problem

1

2

3

4 = severe problem

4 Swallowing solids takes extra effort.

0 = no problem

1

2

3

4 = severe problem

9 I cough when I eat.

0 = no problem

1

2

3

4 = severe problem

5 Swallowing pills takes extra effort.

0 = no problem

1

2

3

4 = severe problem

10 Swallowing is stressful.

0 = no problem

1

2

3

4 = severe problem

B. SCORING:

Add up the number of points and write your total score in the boxes.

Total Score (max. 40 points)

C. WHAT TO DO NEXT:

If the EAT-10 score is 3 or higher, you may have problems swallowing efficiently and safely. We recommend discussing the EAT-10 results with a doctor.

Reference: The validity and reliability of EAT-10 has been determined.

Belafsky PC, Mouadeb DA, Rees CJ, Pryor JC, Postma GN, Allen J, Leonard RJ. Validity and Reliability of the Eating Assessment Tool (EAT-10). Annals of Otolaryngology & Laryngology 2008;117(12):919-924.