

At Home Healthcare

VITALSTIM[®] THERAPY

Did You Know....

- VitalStim[®] Treatment is a new dysphagia therapy technique that is administered by At Home Healthcare's Licensed Speech Language Pathologists?
- Patients with dysphagia encounter difficulty or discomfort swallowing. This can range from mild discomfort to complete inability to swallow and be an acute or chronic condition.
- Nearly 75 percent of stroke victims are affected; among patients with neurological disorders (i.e. Parkinson's disease, ALS, and MS) almost 90 percent. Other causes are head and neck cancer, brain tumors and traumatic brain injury. Among the elderly, it is estimated to afflict half of all nursing home residents.
- Intensive therapy (2-5 sessions per week x 2-3 wks) combining VitalStim[®] therapy and swallowing activities has the potential for improving swallowing function, thereby decreasing the severity of dysphagia.
- VitalStim[®] Therapy uses a small current, passing it through external electrodes on the anterior neck, to stimulate inactive or atrophied swallowing muscles, thus re-educating the muscles.
- The use of VitalStim[®] therapy will enhance patient's response and accelerate progress toward established functional goals.

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