

Fact sheet

Central Adelaide Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Service

Clinical Information Sheet

| Clinical Condition | Dysphagia |
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| Eligibility | Dysphagia |
| Priority | Otolaryngology referral indicated if: Urgent: Hypopharyngeal foreign body suspected (oesophageal lesions and foreign bodies normally referred to General Surgery/ Gastroenterology) Urgent / Semi Urgent: Dysphagia with hoarseness |
| Differential Diagnoses | Foreign body ingestion Pharyngeal/oesophageal tumour |
| Information required with referral | Include history or findings of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smoking• Duration• Hoarseness• Foreign body ingestion Exclude by palpation mass of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thyroid• Neck |
| Investigations required with referral | CT neck/ MRI neck, Ultrasound of thyroid, Barium swallow, thyroid studies |
| Pre-Referral management strategies (information required with referral) | Diagnostic studies may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CT neck / MRI neck• Ultrasound of thyroid.• Barium swallow.• Thyroid studies. |
| Discharge Criteria/information | Once condition stabilised |
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For more information

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