

MDS Alert

Test Yourself: What Does the F325 Surveyor Guidance Say About Swallowing Disorders?

See if you're up to speed on what surveyors will consider.

Which of the following accurately reflect statements in the F325 guidance? (Circle all that apply.)

1. Various direct and indirect causes can affect the resident's ability to swallow, including stroke, pain, lethargy, confusion, dry mouth, and diseases of the oropharynx and esophagus.
2. More advanced swallowing studies are almost always required to assess for dysphagia in people who have suffered a serious CVA.
3. A clinical evaluation of swallowing may be used to evaluate whether a person is aspirating fluids.
4. Aspiration pneumonia is a common consequence of untreated swallowing disorders.

Answer: The answer to the question on page 2 should be item 1 below:

1. Various direct and indirect causes can affect the resident's ability to swallow, including stroke, pain, lethargy, confusion, dry mouth, and diseases of the oropharynx and esophagus.