Eating and Drinking Ability Classification System

Is the individual able to swallow food and drink without risk of aspiration?

- Yes
- No

Can risks of aspiration be managed to eliminate harm to the individual?

- Yes
- No

Level I
Eats and drinks safely and efficiently.

Level II
Eats and drinks safely but with some limitations to efficiency.

Level III
Eats and drinks with some limitations to safety; there may be limitations to efficiency.

Level IV
Eats and drinks with significant limitations to safety.

Level V
Unable to eat or drink safely – tube feeding may be considered to provide nutrition.

Is the individual able to bite and chew on hard lumps of food without choking?

- Yes
- No

Is the individual able to eat a meal in the same time as peers?

- Yes
- No