

A measure of quality of life in individuals with dysphagia in head and neck patients: a questionnaire in english

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Dysphagia is defined as a condition resulting from the halting in the eating pleasure or in proper hydration and nutrition, which also implies routine changes and subsequent decline in the quality of life. Dysphagia has been associated with wide range of speech and language disorders it has a significant effect on individuals quality of life with several disease conditions (Leow, Huckabee and Beckert, 2010). Swallowing-related quality of life after head and neck cancer treatment suggests that chemoradiation may provide superior swallowing outcome to surgery/radiation in patients with oropharyngeal primary also patients with depressed mental health and prolonged feeding tubes may be at higher risk of long-term dysphagia. (Gillespie MB1, Brodsky MB, Day TA, Lee FS, Martin-Harris B, 2004). The present study aims to assess the quality of life in individuals with dysphagia of head and neck cancer patients. The objectives of the study are ; To compare the quality of life in head and neck cancer patients & To compute incidence and prevalence of dysphagia in head and neck cancer patients. The study conducted in patients with head and neck cancer patients experiencing dysphagia. The study suggests that the patients with head and neck cancer experience ~90% swallowing difficulty followed by chemotherapy. Particularly CA tongue has higher risk of dysphagia and larger impact over quality compared to other types. The study implicates for better life being in cancer patients who experience dysphagia.

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