

## **IDDSI Modified consistency drinks summary:**

A resource for clinician's and people with dysphagia

LEVEL	DESCRIPTION/CHARACTERISTICS	TESTING METHODS	TEST PICTURE	SYRINGE/FLOW TEST
0 Thin	<ul><li>Flows like water</li><li>Fast flow</li></ul>	Flow Test:  • <1ml left in syringe after 10 secs	Not applicable	Level 4: Use IDDSI fork-drip / spoon-tilt tests  4ml  1ml  © IDDSI 2017
1 Slightly Thick	<ul> <li>Thicker than water</li> <li>Requires a little more effort to drink than thin liquids</li> <li>Flows through a straw, syringe</li> </ul>	Flow Test:  • 1-4mls left in syringe after 10 secs	Flows off a spoon:	
2 Mildly Thick	<ul> <li>Flows off a spoon</li> <li>Sippable, pours quickly but slower than thin drinks</li> <li>Effort required to suck via standard bore straw</li> </ul>	Flow Test:  • 4-8mls left in syringe after 10 secs	Flows off a spoon:	
3 Moderately Thick	<ul> <li>Can drink from a cup</li> <li>Some effort to suck through standard/wide bore straw</li> </ul>	Flow Test:	Fork Drip Test:	
4 Extremely Thick	<ul> <li>Drink via spoon only</li> <li>Very slow movement under gravity but cannot be poured</li> <li>Cannot be sucked through a straw</li> </ul>	Flow Test:  Will not flow through syringe Fork Drip Test:  Sits in a mound above the fork, a small amount may fall through but does not drip continuously Spoon Tilt Test:  Holds its shape on a spoon Full amount plops off the spoon if the spoon is tilted	Fork Drip Test:  Spoon Tilt Test:	

## **SYRINGE/FLOW TEST:**

Before you start, make sure the syringe you are using is the correct type and dimensions

References: IDDSI

The International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative



