Learning Objectives

MedBridge Education
Dysphagia Therapy: Functional Oral Intake Scale (FOIS)
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The participant will be able to…

• Define the purpose and appropriate application of the FOIS
• Describe each FOIS level
• Interpret patient information to identify an appropriate FOIS level
• Discuss caveats with FOIS interpretation and strategies to resolve any confusion in interpretation

Chapter 1: Background and Definition
The participant will be able to…

Instructor Dr. Michael Crary presents the Functional Oral Intake Scale (FOIS). The FOIS is a clinical scale to easily document and communicate a patient’s safe and adequate functional oral intake. In this chapter, Dr. Michael Crary defines the seven levels of the FOIS.

Chapter 2: Clinical Application of the FOIS
The participant will be able to…

In the second chapter of this course, Dr. Crary uses case studies and a live demonstration with a patient to provide the tools necessary to accurately assess a patient’s FOIS level. Participants will be able to discuss caveats with FOIS interpretation and strategies to resolve any confusion in interpretation.