



VITALSTIM® THERAPY

Dysphasia (difficulty swallowing) affects 5% of the adult population worldwide, and an estimated 30-40% of the population between ages 50 and 65. VitalStim® Therapy is a safe and effective treatment option offered by McLaren Homecare for patients suffering from dysphasia.

VitalStim® is non-invasive, designed to help swallowing through the use of neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES), which re-educates the throat muscles needed for swallowing.

IS VITALSTIM® RIGHT FOR YOUR PATIENT?

If your patient is suffering from dysphasia, VitalStim® can help. Dysphasia is often diagnosed in patients:

- after suffering a stroke
- with progressive neuromuscular disorders (e.g. Parkinson's, ALS)
- who have survived head and neck cancer, especially after radiotherapy
- who are elderly, with dysphasia of unknown etiology

WHY VITALSTIM®?

- Provided by a VitalStim®-certified McLaren Homecare speech-language pathologist (SLP)
- Patients frequently see dramatic improvement in six to 20 daily sessions
- VitalStim® can restore patients' swallowing function past the point of requiring a feeding tube
- In more than 1/3 of patients, VitalStim® Therapy has restored a patient's swallowing function completely

HOW TO REFER YOUR PATIENT FOR VITALSTIM® THERAPY

Send a referral for VitalStim® with speech therapy evaluation:

- via fax to **(866) 571-9636**
- via email to **MHGcentralintake@mclaren.org**
- or call **(866) 323-5974**

Speech therapy services can stand alone or be combined with other home health care orders as needed.

