

The S.A.F.E. Geriatric Neurorehabilitation Framework

Screen Early • Assess Comprehensively • Functional Interdisciplinary Intervention • Educate • Evaluate • Evolve

IDDSI Implementation Pathway

PURPOSE

Standardize food textures and liquid consistencies using the International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative (IDDSI) to improve swallowing safety and consistency across disciplines.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Standardized terminology reduces diet inconsistencies, improves communication between hospitals and SNFs, and enhances patient safety.

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS & QUALITY INDICATORS

Implementation Steps	Complete	Quality Indicator	Goal
Leadership approval	■	Diet accuracy	100%
Kitchen conversion	■	Staff competency	↑
Menu review	■	Diet discrepancies	↓
Staff education	■	Patient safety events	↓
Diet order update	■		
Patient / caregiver education	■		
Quarterly audit	■		

IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST

Checklist Item	Complete
Leadership approval	■
Staff education	■
Policy integrated	■
Documentation updated	■
Audit metrics established	■
Quarterly review	■

EVIDENCE BASE

Evidence-informed dysphagia management • IDDSI Framework • Person-centered care • Interdisciplinary rehabilitation • Patient safety and quality improvement