





Research study

We are doing some research





Research can help us to help other people

Swallowing

The research is about swallowing

50-70% of people have **problems swallowing after** a **stroke**

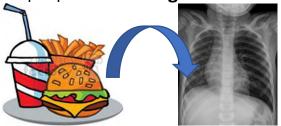


Swallowing difficulties

Food or drink sometimes goes the wrong way

This means it goes into your lung

Some people don't cough when this happens







Why me?

You have had a **stroke**



You are having treatment at the Royal Victoria Infirmary



We need to **check** if your **swallow** is **safe**



Where will the research happen?



The **research** will happen on the **stroke ward** at the **Royal Victoria Infirmary**

When will the research happen?



The **research** will happen **within 3-5 days after you arrive** at the hospital

How long will it take?



Total time for all tests



30 - 60 minutes

What happens in the research?

You will have 3 tests with a Speech Therapist



Bedside swallowing test:

Looks at $\boldsymbol{muscles}$ in your \boldsymbol{mouth} and \boldsymbol{throat}

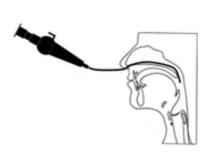
You will have something to eat and drink



Breathing test:

Uses a **nebuliser**

Might make you **cough**



Camera test:

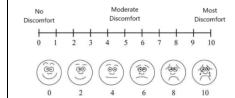
Uses a camera to look in your throat

This will take about 10 minutes

You will have something to eat and drink

This test will be video recorded

Rating the breathing test



You will also rate the breathing test

How comfortable was it?

Why are you doing the research?

To see which test is best at finding if food or drink goes the wrong way

Bedside swallowing test



Breathing test



Will I get paid?



You will **not** get **any money** for taking part in the research

Do I have to take part?





It's **up to you**

If you say **no** you will **still get** your **normal care**

Are there any risks?



Bedside swallowing test:

- food and drink sometimes goes the wrong way
- this **might** make you **cough**
- coughing is normal
- You will have **plenty of time to recover** if this happens



Breathing test:

- might make you cough
- might feel slightly uncomfortable
- You will have **plenty of time to recover** between tests
- Test takes only 15 seconds at a time



Camera test:

- might feel slightly uncomfortable in your nose
- might make you cough or sneeze
- very rarely causes nose bleed
- Gel used on scope to make it more comfortable

Are there any benefits?

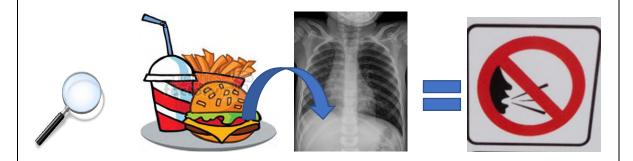


You might find it interesting

This research **might help** us to:

See if you have problems with food and drink going into your lung without coughing when it happens

Be **better** at **identifying** which **patients** have this problem



Which **might** help us to **reduce chest infections** caused by **food and drink going 'the wrong way'**

Can I change my mind?



You can stop at any time

You don't have to give a reason

You will still get your normal care

What will happen to my data?



Your details and results will be stored safely





Who will see my information?



Only the **researchers** will see your personal information



We may **share** the **information**:



with **researchers** in the **UK** and **other countries**



at conferences and meetings



in academic journals



with **students**



with other people who have had a stroke



We will take out your name and personal details

Who is doing the research?



The main researcher is Julie Trimble







The National Institute for Health Research and Bridging Stroke Charity are funding the research

What if something goes wrong?





This is very unlikely

A committee will check the research

If you think you have been hurt you can get help

Who should I contact if I have concerns?



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