



McNeill Dysphagia Therapy Program (MDTP)

MDTP is a systematic based approach to dysphagia therapy that focuses on strengthening the swallow system. Rather than a specific technique, MDTP provides a framework for individualized therapy to adult patients. MDTP benefits patients who have survived stroke, head/neck cancer treatment and traumatic brain injury.

Basic Components

Based on exercise principles, MDTP components include:

- structured and validated clinical and instrumental assessment
- application of food hierarchy with clinical decision strategies
- specific recommendations for monitoring patient performance and advancing safe oral intake.

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Who is McNeill?



Hannibal McNeill was one of the first patients who volunteered to participate in this study in 2005. Hannibal survived both the brainstem stroke and treatment for head and neck cancer. He entered MDTP therapy on a thick liquid diet and left three weeks later eating his favorite food. Nearly two years after completion of therapy Hannibal passed away. With permission from his family, his memory was honored by naming this therapy approach after him.

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