

Advancing Swallowing & Speech Rehabilitation with the

Fiberoptic Endoscopy Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES)

A FEES evaluation is an endoscopic assessment of the swallowing process conducted jointly with an otolaryngologist (ear, nose, throat physician) and speech-language pathologist. A FEES evaluation provides direct visualization of the throat (pharynx) and voice box (larynx) during swallowing process. The FEES exam records the individual's entire dynamic swallowing process in a continuous motion-picture format, which can be saved digitally for further assessment and evaluation.

Who may benefit from the FEES?

- Individuals with known or suspected swallowing disorders
- Individuals with known or suspected voice or laryngeal pathology disorders
- Individuals with a tracheostomy tube

How does the FEES work?

- A camera attached to a small tube (endoscope) is inserted into the individual's nose and passed down to the throat area. Individuals are given food and liquid to drink while the images of the swallow are recorded on a computer monitor

What are the advantages of using the FEES?

- FEES assists with the diagnosis and treatment planning for individuals with swallowing and voice disorders
- FEES provides real-time visual biofeedback to improve swallowing function

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