

Penetration-Aspiration Scale

Patient Name: _____ Date of Assessment: _____ dd / mm / yyyy

Clinician: _____

Assessment Type

VFSS FEES

Bolus/Material Type: _____ Swallow Number: _____

PAS Score

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

PAS Scoring Guide

- 1 - Material does not enter the airway
- 2 - Material enters the airway, remains above the vocal folds, and is ejected from the airway
- 3 - Material enters the airway, remains above the vocal folds, and is not ejected from the airway
- 4 - Material enters the airway, contacts the vocal folds, and is ejected from the airway
- 5 - Material enters the airway, contacts the vocal folds, and is not ejected from the airway
- 6 - Material enters the airway, passes below the vocal folds, and is ejected into the larynx or out of the airway
- 7 - Material enters the airway, passes below the vocal folds, and is not ejected from the trachea despite effort
- 8 - Material enters the airway, passes below the vocal folds, and no effort is made to eject

Airway Response

Spontaneous cough Weak cough Throat clear No response (silent)

Clinical Observations

Clinician Signature

Date: _____ dd / mm / yyyy