

MASA: The Mann Assessment of Swallowing Ability



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By Giselle Mann, MPH, Ph.D.

This book describes a tool for clinical evaluation of oropharyngeal dysphagia (swallowing disorders) in stroke patients and includes considerable information on its development and validation along with an accompanying CD-ROM that contains the actual scoring sheet.

The purpose is to introduce a standardized, quick, and easy bedside test for the measurement of acquired neurological oropharyngeal dysphagia. The book meets this objective. The author also proposes that the tool be used to determine the need for more involved instrumental testing and to monitor swallowing skills over time.

The intended audience includes practicing speech-language pathologists, speech-language pathology students, clinical educators in dysphagia, and other allied health professionals specializing in swallowing disorders. The author is the most credible authority in the subject matter of this book – a clinical test that bears the author's name.

The book provides the rationale for the test, descriptions of test items and scoring system, itemized instructions and grading, and explanations of test design and development. It addresses multiple validity issues and compares the test against the current gold standard videofluoroscopy with analyses of sensitivity, specificity, and positive and negative predictive values. The coverage of the complicated psychometric validation is sometimes confusing. The readers are likely to be lost due to discontinuity in table placement (e.g. Tables 2-3), unclear table headings, and insufficient explanations. There appear to be errors in the specificity computations for dysphagia and aspiration in the section on the accuracy of MASA score.

I commend the author for her rigorous, comprehensive psychometric testing to validate this bedside test of dysphagia. The assessment is a useful screening tool in determining the need for instrumental testing.

- Doody's Review

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The Mann Assessment of Swallowing Ability determines the presence of aspiration and dysphagia. MASA also can be utilized as a monitoring tool for patient swallowing skills over a period of time.

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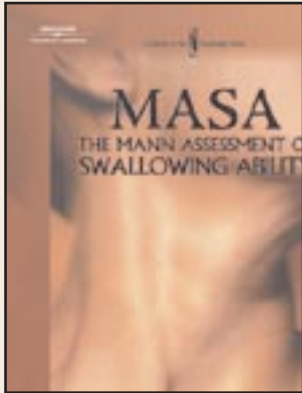
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