



Feeding & Swallowing Disorders

Children with feeding and swallowing disorders have a wide variety of symptoms which may include; accepting food, coordination of moving oral structures adequately to suck, chew, and swallow contents which are all necessary for building and maintain good nutrition. Our feeding therapy program provides solutions to these symptoms and can assist in feeding independence.

Cole Pediatric Therapy works with the child and the parent/caregiver to provide the following services:

- Building nutrition and or working with nutritional changes (e.g., different foods, adding calories to food)
- Transitioning from tube feeding to oral feeding
- Altering food/liquid textures, temperature, taste and thickness to ensure safe swallowing and reduce the risk of aspiration
- Oral motor strengthening and coordination
- Feeding positioning
- Coordinating the suck-swallow-breath pattern (for infants)
- Addressing Oral Aversions and increasing food/liquid repertoire; helping with acceptance of different foods and liquids

“Approximately 70%-89% of children with developmental disabilities are reported to experience some type of feeding problem”

- National Institute of Health

Locations throughout TX, NC, WA, and DMV area
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CHILDREN WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OFTEN
EXPERIENCE FEEDING AND/OR SWALLOWING DISORDERS:

Sensory Aversions (picky eating, avoiding textures)

Nervous system disorders

Gastrointestinal conditions

Prematurity and/or low birth weight/ Failure to Thrive

Heart disease causing fatigue while feeding

Cleft lip and/or palate

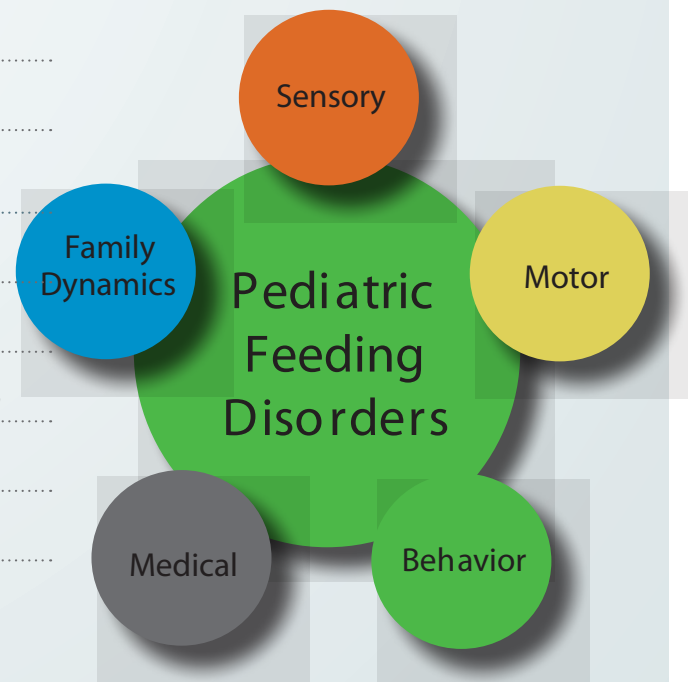
Conditions affecting the airway

Autism

Head and neck abnormalities/ Myofacial abnormalities

Muscle weakness in the face and neck

Respiratory difficulties



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