

Introduction

International Dysphagia Diet Standardization Initiative (IDDSI) Training Series

This special series of complimentary IDDSI training webinar recordings is provided thanks to the generous support of Hormel Health Labs. This training is for people who care for and/or prepare or serve food/beverages to people with dysphagia in settings such as skilled nursing facilities, rehabilitation facilities, acute care, and in the home. The training compliments what IDDSI has already created, provides an overview on IDDSI and includes links to resources that are essential to training.

These webinar recordings are **20-45 minutes** in length and include handouts as well as information on pre- and post-webinar viewing activities and resources.

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Prior to Listening to the Webinar Series (For health care facilities):

This series is intended for facilities who already have a trained IDDSI Champion Team in place that is leading the change process to implement IDDSI. The team should include at least one representative from food service (food service director/chef), a speech/language pathologist and nurse. Some teams may also include a physician and administrator. This series of webinars can help the team to train all internal staff on implementation of IDDSI, supplemented with additional resources from IDDSI and other sources. Note: Large health care facilities may want to pilot IDDSI implementation in one area prior to rolling it out to all areas.

Appoint a champion (person in charge of training) who will coordinate communications related to the trainings, and one who will moderate the training session including pre- and post- activities and resources. The champion should do the following in advance:

- Determine a schedule for showing each webinar, create a list of who will be invited to attend
 (include food service staff, nursing staff, nursing assistants, SLPs, others that may be impacted
 (you can also share the webinars with concerned family members). Consider timing the training
 close to implementation time.
 - Inviting SLPs, nursing staff and families will help them understand how food is prepped
 and the complexity of preparing/holding these foods; how foods change over time due
 to temperature and moisture changes; and help frontline staff/patients/caregivers ensure
 safe foods/drinks for the individual.

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