

Causes

Esophageal

- Diffuse spasms
- Narrowing
- Foreign body/tumor
- Acid reflux (GERD)
- Infection
- Neurological disorders/
damage



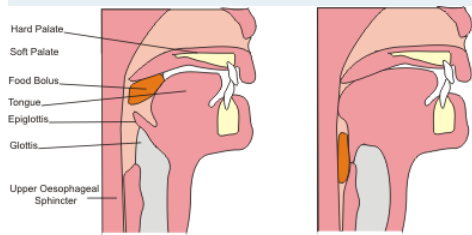
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Dysphagia





What is Dysphagia?

Dysphagia is difficulty swallowing. There are two types of dysphagia: oropharyngeal and esophageal. Oropharyngeal dysphagia involves difficulty starting a swallow, while esophageal dysphagia involves a feeling of food or drink getting stuck in the throat or chest.

Signs and Symptoms

- Unable to swallow
- Pain swallowing
- Feeling like food gets stuck
- Drooling
- Hoarse voice
- Heartburn
- Weight loss
- Coughing/choking when swallowing

Treatment

- Swallow exercises
- Esophageal dilation
- Surgery
- Medication
- Special liquid diet

