

Pediatric Feeding & Swallowing

To schedule an appointment for a pediatric feeding and swallowing assessment or treatment plan at:

- Flushing (Main Campus), please call 1-855-37REHAB (73422)



Speech language pathologists are licensed clinicians who are specially trained to address problems in the development of oral sensory-motor feeding and swallowing skills from birth through school age.

NewYork-Presbyterian Queens has a team of speech and language pathologists that comprehensively evaluate and treat infants and children that have feeding and swallowing difficulties. These range from mild delays in chewing and difficulty progressing to higher-textured foods to more severe issues that can result in growth failure, and susceptibility to chronic illness.

Factors that Contribute to Feeding Difficulty

- Gastro-intestinal dysfunction
- Developmental delay
- Neurologic impairment
- Anatomical variation
- Respiratory compromise
- Food allergies
- Altered sensory and/or motor system
- Prematurity

Common Causes

- Autism or intellectual disability
- Breathing problems (asthma / respiratory disease)
- Cleft lip or palate
- Heart disease
- Muscle weakness in the face and neck
- Nervous system disorders (cerebral palsy, meningitis)
- Prematurity or low birth weight
- Reflux or other stomach problems

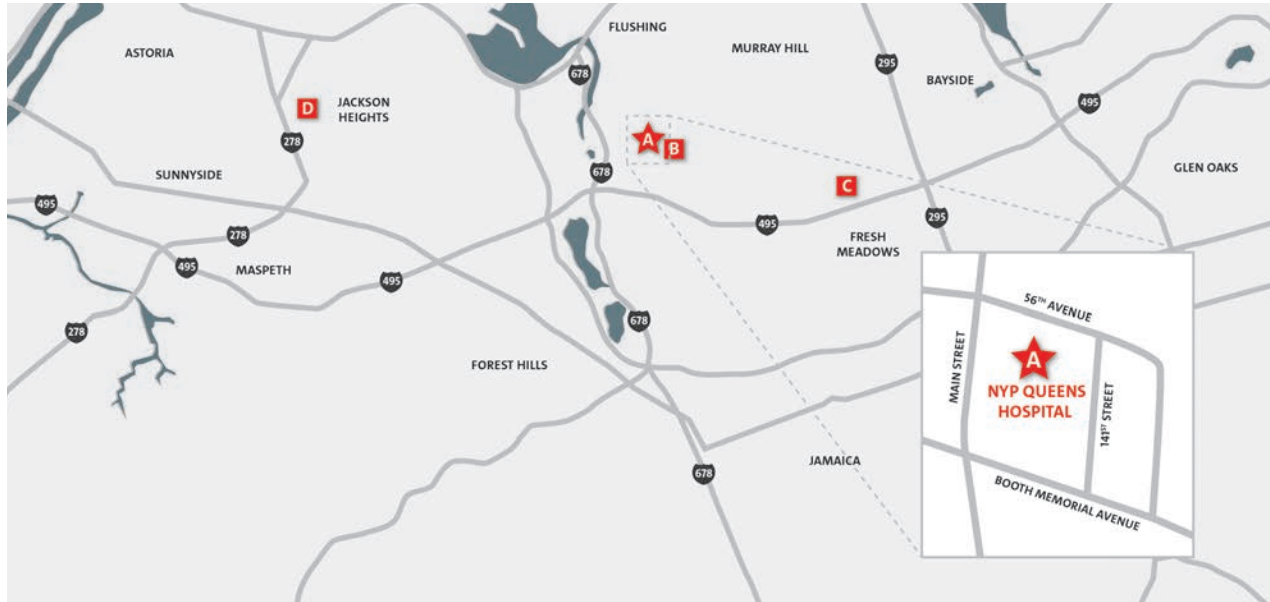
Signs & Symptoms of Feeding Difficulty

- Coughing or choking during meals
- Irritability or lack of alertness during meals
- Gurgling, hoarse or breathy vocal quality
- Failure to progress to different textures of foods
- Prolonged mealtimes (more than 30 minutes)
- Reported stress for child and/or family during meals
- Poor growth
- Frequent spitting up, vomiting, food/liquid refusal
- Recurrent respiratory infections

Treatment Offered

- Clinical feeding and swallowing evaluation
- Instrumental swallowing evaluation (modified barium swallow study or video fluoroscopy)
- Feeding and swallowing therapy
- Parent education and training
- Speech pathology services provided by board-certified pediatric dysphagia specialists

NewYork-Presbyterian Queens Rehabilitation Locations



A **NewYork-Presbyterian Queens Main Campus**
56-45 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11355

B **NewYork-Presbyterian Queens**
56-45 Main Street, 4 North, Flushing, NY
Please call 1-855-37REHAB (73422) to
schedule an appointment for:

- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Language Pathology
and Swallowing
- Hand Rehabilitation
- Sports Medicine Rehabilitation
- Adult Swallowing
- Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing
- Adult Speech and Language
- Fall Prevention

C **NewYork-Presbyterian Queens**
163-03 Horace Harding Expressway,
2nd Floor, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365
Please call 1-855-37REHAB (73422) to
schedule an appointment for:

- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Hand Rehabilitation
- Lymphedema Rehabilitation
- Neurological Rehabilitation
- Sports Medicine Rehabilitation
- Vestibular Rehabilitation
- Fall Prevention

D **NewYork-Presbyterian Medical Group Queens**
72-06 Northern Boulevard, 2nd Floor,
Jackson Heights, NY 11372
Please call 1-844-REHAB01 (734-2201) to
schedule an appointment for:

- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Hand Rehabilitation
- Sports Medicine Rehabilitation
- Fall Prevention