

# VitalStim® Therapy Offered at Edward-Elmhurst Health

## Dysphagia is defined as difficulty swallowing.

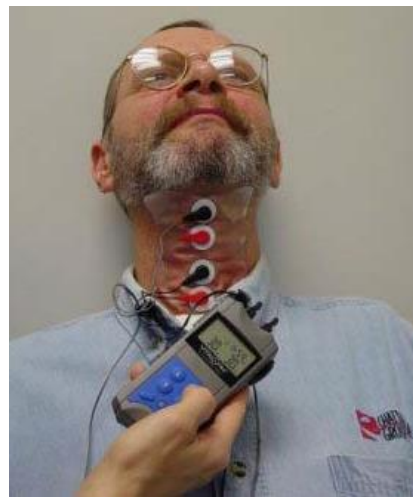
Dysphagia can range in severity from mild difficulty when swallowing to complete inability to eat or drink anything by mouth. Estimates conclude that as many as 15 million Americans suffer from some level of dysphagia, with an additional 1 million people receiving a new diagnosis every year.

## What is VitalStim Therapy?



VitalStim® Therapy is a safe and effective treatment for patients suffering with difficulty swallowing or dysphagia. It was developed in response to the 15 million Americans living with dysphagia today.

The VitalStim® Therapy System is a non-invasive, external electrical stimulation therapy cleared to market by the Food and Drug Administration in 2002 for the treatment of dysphagia with application on the anterior neck. VitalStim® Therapy is backed by comprehensive clinical data. The VitalStim® Therapy System is used while simultaneously working with the patient on swallowing and other exercises. Used as an addition to traditional swallowing therapy.

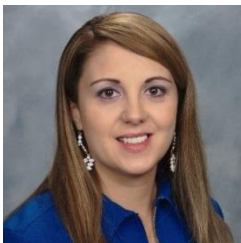


## VitalStim has been found to:

- Be safe and effective for patients
- Accelerate the recovery time from a restricted diet
- Help patients achieve sustained improvement and long term results

For more information on dysphagia or VitalStim®, please go to the following website <http://www.djoglobal.com/vitalstim>

Please contact us with any further questions or concerns. Fax orders to the numbers below.



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