

List of Key Issues that Residential Aged Care Facilities need to address:

- 1 Does this resident have a past medical history any known risk factors for swallowing disorders? If so was referral and consultation to speech pathologists, dietitians and medical practitioners made?
- 2 What happened immediately before and after the episode? How often was the patient re-assessed or the swallowing management plan reviewed and checked?
- 3 Were instructions and recommendations by the Speech Pathologist about feeding techniques being followed?
- 4 What were the facility's policy, protocol and practice regarding:
 - a) Risk screening
 - b) Prevention strategies
 - c) Management of a patient after an episode of choking or aspiration at the time of the incident?
- 5 How does the facility ensure that the appropriate work practices are in place and reviewed to see whether any improvement can be made?