



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative (IDDSI) Implementation Objectives (Ireland)

1. To introduce the IDDSI framework, a standardised evidence-based method of naming and describing texture modified diets (foods) and thickened drinks (liquids) for people of all ages with dysphagia, in all HSE funded healthcare & domiciliary settings.
2. To improve patient safety by using a framework which is evidence-based and includes practical and validated measurement techniques that are easy to use and understand, thereby reducing the likelihood of errors.
3. To allow use of a person-centred, non-profession specific, international terminology for all, this also enables staff and patients to travel.
4. To initiate a common language that can be used for technical, cultural, professional and non-professional purposes.
5. To support dysphagia research and evaluation efforts by providing a common, internationally recognised language for texture modified diets (foods) and thickened drinks (liquids).
6. To encourage interdisciplinary collaboration to improve patient care and the safety of patients with dysphagia.