

## Questions about a CT brain scan

Does it hurt?



no pain

**No.** You should feel **no pain** during the scan or afterwards

Are there any risks?



**Yes.** As with **all x-rays**, there is a **very small risk** from the radiation

Can I wear my dentures?



**Yes.** You should be able to **wear your dentures**

Can I wear jewellery?



**No.** **Earrings** must be **taken out**

**Hair grips** must be **removed**



## Planning for discharge

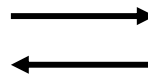


The **OTs** may go and **look** at your **home**

They will decide if it is **safe** for you

They will try and make **plans** with you for:

- **visiting** your home

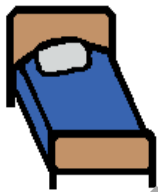


- leaving hospital and **going home**



**But this is not possible for everyone**

If you can go home, you may need **some changes** to your **house...**



**bed downstairs**



**rails**

Or they may **provide** some **equipment...**



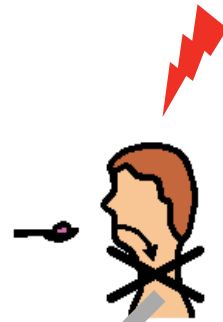
**commode**

**walking stick**



# Eating and drinking after a stroke

A **stroke** can affect **swallowing**



A **speech and language therapist (SLT)** might come and look at your swallowing:



**1 Unsafe**  
**no food or drink**



**2 Safe for some**  
**food and drink only**



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**3 Safe**  
**normal food**  
**and drink**



# Naso-gastric tube (NG tube)



What is an **NG tube**?

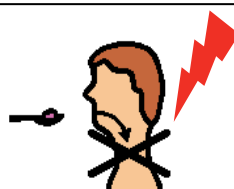
A **NG tube** goes into your **nose**, down your **throat** and into your **stomach**

Special **liquid food** and **drink** go down the tube

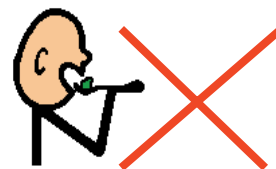


Why do I need an NG tube?

1 Your **swallowing** may be affected by the stroke



Swallowing is **not safe** for you



or

2 You are not eating or drinking **enough**

