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ALS Swallowing Severity Scale (ALSSS)**

Availability:	Please email the author for information about obtaining the instrument: ahillel@u.washington.edu .
Classification:	Supplemental for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
Short Description of Instrument:	The ALS Swallowing Severity Scale (ALSSS) measures speech, swallowing, lower extremity and walking, upper extremity dressing and hygiene on a scale from 1–10, 1 being the most dysfunctional and 10 being the most functional.
Scoring:	<p>The Bulbar score can be calculated by adding speech and swallowing subscores. Spinal score can be calculated by adding lower extremity and upper extremity subscores.</p> <p>Total score ranges from a minimum of 4 to a maximum of 40; the lower the score, the more impairment is present. Rates of progression of the total score in a small group of patients ranged from -3.4 to -24.0 points/year with a mean of -11.3 points/year.</p>
Restrictions:	N/A
References:	Hillel AD, Miller RM, et al. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Severity Scale. <i>Neuroepidemiology</i> . 1989; 8: 142-150.