

Murray Secretion Rating Scale

Status of standing secretions in HP prior to any PO. (also note viscosity & color):

0 = Normal moist

1= Pooling outside laryngeal vestibule

2= Pooling in laryngeal vestibule transiently, spills in over the observation period or patient clears them

3= Pooling in laryngeal vestibule consistently and patient does not clear them

** Rating of 2 or 3 is an excellent predictor of aspiration of PO

(Murray et al, *Dysphagia*. 1996;11:99-103.)