

Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Resident Care	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Choking – Danger of Choking While Eating	<b>SECTION:</b> C
<b>DATE:</b> September 2004	<b>Administrator:</b> <u>J. W.!</u>	<b>POLICY:</b> 7
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**CHOKING – DANGER OF CHOKING WHILE EATING**

**POLICY:**

To ensure optimal nutrition, consistency and safety of the resident.

**PROCEDURE:**

- Residents who have a history of choking while eating, will be identified by Registered Staff or the Dietitian on the Care Plan/feeding binder and transfer/update sheet.
- **Only LMH staff will assist these residents at meal times.**
- The Dietitian will be requested to assist in determining the most effective consistency of food to be served. If the Dietitian is not available, the Registered Staff will inform the dietary staff of what consistency the resident needs and complete the request form for assessment.
- Consultation with a speech therapist may also be considered under the direction of the Physician.
- Consideration will be given to:
  - Consistency of food
  - Position in which resident is to be placed for feeding
  - Rate at which resident feeds self
  - Need for special equipment while feeding