Very handy and convenient. I get good feedback [and] I can feel my tongue is far stronger. This is a great tool. 99

— Michael from Boston, USA (multifactorial dysphagia)

66 After a week of *using it daily*, I saw big changes in my swallow!... *Stronger* with *Abilex*.* 99



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abi Exerciser

Designed to help you

Swallow Better

& Live Fuller

Abilex* Oral Exericiser:

Designed to help improve your swallowing function and oral control

Swallowing problems (dysphagia) can lead to aspiration, when food or saliva is inhaled, which can cause pneumonia and other health complications.¹

PARKINSON'S DISEASE
CEREBRAL PALSY
ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY
TONGUE THRUST

STROKE DYSPHAGIA
HEAD & NECK CANCER PRESBYPHAGIA

Typical management of swallowing conditions includes compensatory techniques (ex. postural adjustments, diet modifications), which only produce temporary effects.²

Rehabilitative swallowing treatments (ex. strengthening and range of motion exercises) target the underlying physical problems for long-lasting effects.²

The **Abilex** device is designed to support rehabilitative oral exercise training and targeted swallowing practice.





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66 He was **delighted** to eat his first meal by mouth in **five months**. 99

— Speech Language Pathologist at Parkwood Institute, for a patient with dysphagia following brain injury³

One exerciser to help improve:



Tongue and Lip Strength

Isometric resistance exercises are designed to build your strength.

Tongue strengthening has been shown to improve functional swallowing, reduce aspiration and improve quality of life.4



Tongue Control

Movement based exercises are designed to get you manipulating your tongue to improve:

- control,
- coordination,
- range of motion; and
- flexibility



Swallowing Skills

Simulates a ball of food in the mouth to help you safely practice swallowing without introducing a choking risk.

The best exercise for swallowing is swallowing.5



Brain **Activation**

Physical therapy following injury is important in promoting neuroplasticity⁶ - the development of new neural pathways around damaged areas in the brain.

Suggested Exercises

Work up to 3 sets of suggested exercises 3 times per day for 4-8 weeks.

Tongue Push Up



Bulb Side to Side



ip Press and Pull



3ulb Front to Back



watch the video at: getabilex.com/instructions

Independently practice with an engaging exerciser that supports your swallowing rehabilitation.

