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# Gestione nutrizionale di un paziente disfagico: aspetti clinici, medico-legali ed etici

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## **Nutritional management of a dysphagic patient: a clinical, legal and ethical approach**

*ABSTRACT: The case reported, extremely easy from a clinical and nutritional point of view, involves complex administrative and organizational aspects. We wish just to underline how, in the management of home artificial nutrition, legal and administrative problems can overlay clinical aspects. Codified protocols and guidelines shared by the main Scientific Societies in the field are strongly advisable in order to help the clinician to solve them. (RINPE 2002; 20: 42-7)*

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