Staff Guidance



Suitable Oral Nutritional Supplements (ONS)

for adult patients who require thickened fluids

These products have been independently tested and comply with the IDDSI framework.

Please Note:

- No thickener (e.g. Nutilis Clear) should be added to any ONS product
- ONS can be served from the fridge or at room temperature
- The nutritional content of these products varies and should be considered
- If a dietitian has concerns regarding the care of a complex patient please contact the prescribing support dietitians to discuss these on an individual basis (0141-201-6012)

Old Fluid Descriptors		New IDDSI Fluid Descriptors	Suitable ONS that is available on ONS formulary
Normal Fluids	→	Level 0 Thin	Ensure [®] Shake - First line Ensure [®] Plus (Milkshake)Preferred list
Not previously used	→	Level 1 Slightly thick	Ensure [®] Plus Fibre - Total formulary Ensure [®] Plus Juce - Total formulary Fortisip [®] Extra*- Total formulary (*This product provides 100% of RNI for vitamins and minerals in 2 x200ml bottles, however this will provide 40g protein)
Stage 1 Syrup	→	Level 2 Mildly thick	Ensure [®] Compact - Preferred list Fortisip [®] Yoghurt Style - Total formulary
Stage 2 Custard	→	Level 3 Moderately thick	No suitable readymade ONS on formulary therefore use food fortification
Stage 3 Pudding	→	Level 4 Extremely thick	No suitable readymade ONS on formulary therefore use food fortification

