

# TOP 10 TIPS TO HELP WITH:

## SALIVA AND DROOLING



### 1 SALIVA

Remember that you are not producing too much saliva - it is needed for lubrication and helps with chewing and swallowing food



### 2 CONFIDENCE

Try not to feel embarrassed by drooling, explain to people why it's happening



### 3 POSTURE

Make sure you sit upright and your head is not tilted forwards, bending forwards can cause saliva to drool out



### 4 SWALLOW

Think about swallowing more regularly to help clear the mouth of excess saliva



### 5 CUES OR PROMPTS

Think of things around the home as prompts, so that when you look at them you take an extra swallow, or set a timer to remind you



## 6 LIP SEAL

Think about closing your mouth and lips and concentrate on doing this regularly - saliva may drool out if your mouth is open



## 7 FACE EXERCISES

Try doing some facial exercises like puffing out your cheeks with your mouth closed



## 8 SUCK A SWEET

If there is a particular time of day when drooling is worse consider sucking a sweet or chewing gum which will prompt you to swallow more often



## 9 PINEAPPLE

If your saliva seems thick try eating pineapple or drinking pineapple juice which contains an enzyme to help break up thick secretions



## 10 MOUTH CREAM

Try and use a cream called 'barrier cream' in the corners of your mouth to stop the area becoming sore

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