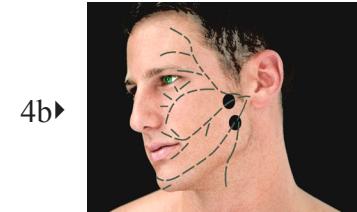
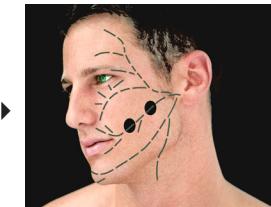


# Electrode Placement Guide



## Functional muscle actions

### Oropharyngeal "sling"

- Orbicularis oris
- Buccinator
- Superior pharyngeal

### Tongue: bolus manipulation and tongue base retraction

- Intrinsics tongue
- Extrinsic tongue
- Superior pharyngeal constrictor

### Velopharyngeal seal

- Levator veli palatini
- Superior pharyngeal constrictor

### Hyolaryngeal Excursion

- Laryngeal extrinsics
- Suprahyoid muscles

### Pharyngeal constriction

- Superior, middle and inferior pharyngeal constrictors
- Pharyngeal shortening mm

### UES seal opens and closes

- Cricopharyngeus
- Suprae and infrahyoid mm
- Pharyngeal constrictors
- Pharyngeal shortening muscles

## Possible signs & symptoms

- anterior spillage/leakage
- premature spillage, residuals
- pocketing, holding, stasis
- nasal regurgitation

- ↓ AP transit
- premature spillage
- coating tongue base/post. pharynx
- delayed swallow trigger
- vallecular pooling

- nasal regurgitation
- residuals
- delayed pharyngeal transit

- decreased hyolaryngeal excursion
- penetration, aspiration
- voice abnormalities
- decreased UES opening
- pooling residuals

- penetration, aspiration
- piecemeal deglutition
- residuals
- decreased pharyngeal transit time

- delayed opening UES
- decreased opening UES, CP bar
- premature closure UES
- penetration, aspiration
- pyriform pooling, residuals

## Possible VitalStim electrode placements

- 4a ► maximum facilitation of synergists when electrodes applied bilaterally

- 2a/b ► horizontal channel facilitates recruitment of muscles innervated by CN XII  
4a ► increases sensory input - CN V and VII  
add bottom channel over CN XII to facilitate tongue muscle recruitment

- 3b ► bottom channel facilitates thyrohyoid recruitment

- 4a ► maximum facilitation of synergists when electrodes applied bilaterally

- 2b ► good facilitation of geniohyoid, mylohyoid and thyrohyoid muscles  
1 ► facilitation supra-and infrahyoid muscles  
3a ► good facilitation of digastric and thyrohyoid muscles

- 3b ► electrode placements on attachments of middle (hyoid) and lower (thyroid) pharyngeal constrictors

- 2b ► focus on hyolaryngeal excursion  
1 ► focus on maximal sensory input  
3a ► focus on hyolaryngeal excursion (TH)  
3b ► focus on pharyngeal constriction

