



MODERATELY THICK



Level 3 Moderately Thick Liquids for Babies and Children

What is this thickness level?

Level 3 - Moderately Thick drinks:

- ✓ Can be drunk from a cup or taken with a spoon
- ✓ Need some effort to drink them through a *wide* diameter straw and cannot be sucked through an infant teat/nipple
- ✓ Have a smooth texture with no lumps, fibers or seeds

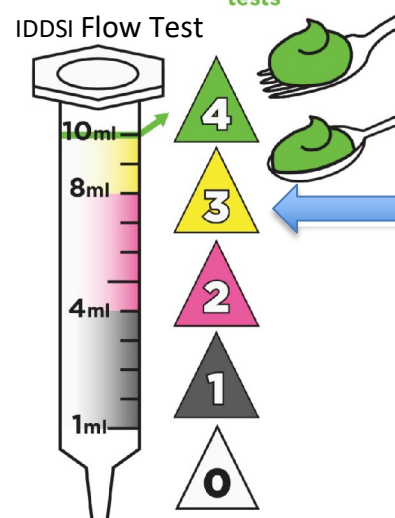
Why is this thickness level used for babies and children?

Level 3 – Moderately Thick drinks may be used if your baby or child’s tongue control is not good enough to manage Mildly Thick, Slightly Thick or Thin drinks. Moderately Thick drinks allows more time for the tongue to “hold and move” the drink. These drinks are best taken from a cup or using a spoon.

How do I measure my liquid or drink to make sure it is Level 3 Moderately thick?

It is safest to measure Moderately Thick drinks using the IDDSI Flow Test *and* the IDDSI Fork Drip Test. These tests measure how thick a liquid is by how fast it flows through a 10 mL syringe in 10 seconds and how quickly it flows through the prongs of a dinner fork. IDDSI recommends that you use a 10 mL syringe to check to make sure you have the correct thickness level using the instructions below. For Level 3- Moderately Thick liquids there should be *no less than 8 mL remaining* in the syringe after 10 seconds of flow. Your clinician may give you a specific number between 8-10 mL to aim for. Using the IDDSI Fork Test the liquid should drip slowly in dollops through the prongs of a fork.

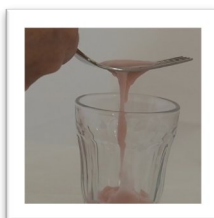
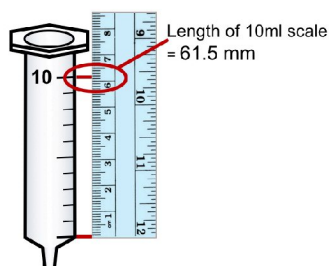
Level 4: Use IDDSI fork-drip / spoon-tilt tests



See videos of the IDDSI Flow Test and IDDSI Fork Drip Test at www.IDDSI.org/framework/drink-testing-methods/

Before you test...

You *must* *check* your syringe because there are differences in syringe lengths. Your syringe should look like this



IDDSI Fork Drip Test
Drips slowly in dollops through the prongs of a fork

