







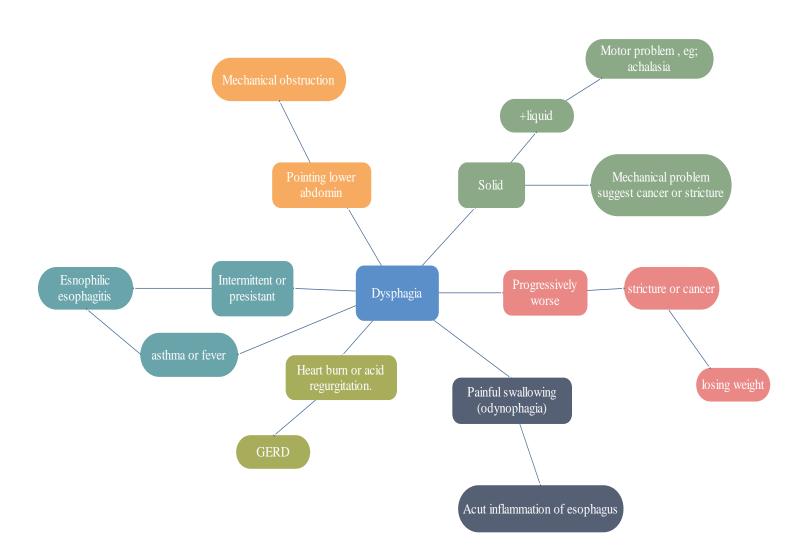
History & Physical Examination of Gastrointestinal system

## **Dysphagia** (difficulty in swallowing): and odynophagia

(pain on swallowing) are important symptoms of underlying organic disease. It is important to examine such patients carefully for likely causes, particularly cancer.

Chief Complain: Difficulty in swallowing	
Question	Indications
Do you have trouble swallowing solids or liquids, Or both solid and liquid?	Solid only (mechanical problem suggest cancer or stricture )  Both (motor problem e.g.: Achalasia) Achalasia: loss the ability to squeeze the food
Where does the hold-up occur (please point to the area)?	(Pointing to the lower esophagus suggests mechanical obstruction in the lower esophagus)
Is the trouble swallowing intermittent or persistent? Has the problem been getting	(Intermittent suggests eosinophilic esophagitis [EoE]) Suggest cancer or stricture.
progressively worse? Do you cough or choke on starting to swallow?	(This suggests oropharyngeal dysphagia)
Is it painful to swallow (odynophagia)?	This suggests acute inflammation of the esophagus.
Do you have any heartburn or acid regurgitation?	Suggests GORD or GERD
Have you been losing weight?	(Worry about cancer)
Do you have asthma or fever?	(This would be further supportive of eosinophilic esophagitis [EoE]

Past Medical History		
Do you have medical problems such		
as diabetes mellitus, AIDS,		
neuromuscular disorders		
Past Surgical History		
Have you had surgery on your		
larynx, esophagus, stomach, or		
spine?		
Medication		
Ask specifically about potassium chloride, alendronate, ferrous sulfate, quinidine, ascorbic acid, tetracycline, aspirin and NSAIDs)		
Family History		
Does anyone of your family		
members have similar problem?		
Social History		
Systemic Review		











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