The QASC Swallow Protocol consists of nurses undergoing education and assessment of their competency by a speech pathologist to screen patients for swallowing difficulties (the QASC trial used the ASSIST screening tool). The protocol includes:

- an in-service education package including a PowerPoint® presentation
- an assessment of knowledge tool
- an online competency assessment tool

- Nurses attend an education session. To be considered competent at swallowing screening, nurses must attend the education, pass a written test and, successfully complete the online competency assessment tool and achieve 100% pass mark
- Patients should be screened before being given food or drink or medications
- Patients should be screened within 24 hours of admission to hospital
- Patients who fail the swallowing screening should be referred to a speech pathologist for a full swallowing assessment

This protocol was used in conjunction with the other FeSS protocols and the FeSS implementation strategies and not as a stand-alone protocol