Hello,

Thank you for choosing Desert Valley Pediatric Therapy (DVPT) for your child’s comprehensive feeding evaluation. Feeding is complex! We need to gather a lot of information to best identify factors that are affecting your child’s success around mealtime.

We will need the following information *before* the feeding evaluation, preferably *three business da*ys prior to your appointment:

* Intake packet: This includes your child’s medical history, feeding history and development. As well as payment/insurance and HIPPA information.
* Video of your child (3-5 minutes in length) eating at home that you have uploaded into your Central Reach portal account. Your intake paperwork will have details on how to create this account.
* Sensory Profile-2: This portion of the intake information will be sent to you via an email invitation with your child’s name from Q-global. After you follow their on-screen directions and answer the questions in the profile, we will be notified of its completion.

What you can expect at our 2 ½ hour comprehensive feeding evaluation:

* The first hour will include your child’s evaluation with an occupational therapist, speech therapist and dietitian. You will be asked to complete a couple of short written assessments during this time that will help us learn even more about your child and the impact he/she is having on your family’s mealtime.
* The next ½ hour is when the therapists and dietitian will be collaborating outside of your presence.
  + In order to make this time pleasant for you and your child, please bring something that will occupy your child. We do have toys here, but sometimes it’s nice to have a favorite toy or stuffed animal from home. Or, if your child is already eating by mouth, this might be the time to eat. Your child will be evaluated with food during the first hour; however, it’s not necessarily enough for a meal. As weather permits, taking a stroll outside might be nice as well.
* The last hour involves the sharing of information from the evaluation (including the information you sent us prior to the appointment), possible referrals/recommendations and beginning strategies for home. You can expect a thorough written report within 2 weeks of your child’s evaluation.

What to bring to the evaluation:

* 1-2 preferred foods
* A food your child has dropped, or they’ve tried before but isn’t part of their current food repertoire
* Activities for your child for the ½ hour that’s “on your own”

Thanks again for choosing DVPT,

The Comfort Feeding Clinic team at Desert Valley Pediatric Therapy