

Information for You from Your Health Care Team

PEG Tube Care

- Immediately following the placement of your PEG tube, the dressing should be checked every four hours for excessive bleeding or discharge for the first 24 hours.
- You will be seen by the Gastroenterology office the following day to check the tube and site.
- Once the Gastroenterologist has cleared you to begin using your tube, your referring physician will determine the type, amount and method of using your feeding tube.

Basic PEG Tube Care

Dressing

- The area around the tube may be washed with soap and water.
- Antibiotic ointment and a dry dressing may be reapplied until the incision closes.
- When there is no drainage around the tube, the dressing may be omitted.

Prior to Feeding

The tube should be aspirated with a 60ml syringe prior to feeding to check for residual food. If more than 50 ml is aspirated, stop the feeding and notify the physician who has ordered your formula.

Methods of Feeding

- **Bolus:** Feedings are accomplished using a 60cc syringe (without the plunger), allowing gravity to deliver the liquid food into the tube.
- **Continuous Feeding:** The liquid feeding is poured into a bag and infused into the stomach over a 24hour period using a pump.

Flushing the Tube

After each feeding or medication administration, the tube should be flushed with 60 to 120ml. of water to prevent clogging.

Please call our office at (315) 464-1600 if you develop:

- A crack in your tube
- Leaking around your tube
- Yellow or green drainage around the tube
- Foul smelling drainage around the tube
- Redness or bleeding around or through the tube
- Inability to flush tube
- Inability to take food through the tube