

Gastric Tube Feeding via Continuous Pump

Purpose	The purpose of this procedure is to provide nourishment to the resident who is unable to obtain nourishment orally.
Preparation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Verify that there is a physician's order for this procedure.2. Review the resident's care plan and provide for any special needs of the resident.3. Assemble equipment and supplies needed.4. Ensure that the equipment and devices are working properly by performing any calibrations or checks as instructed by the manufacturer or this facility.
Equipment and Supplies	The following equipment and supplies will be necessary when performing this procedure. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Soap and water;2. Wash cloth and towel;3. Enteral feeding pump;4. Enteral feeding tubing set;5. Enteral feeding bag or pre-mixed solution;6. IV pole;7. Sixty (60) cc catheter tip syringe;8. Prescribed enteral feeding;9. Stethoscope; and10. Personal protective equipment (e.g., gowns, gloves, mask, etc., as needed).
Steps in the Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Verify compliance with physicians order, including the product volume and infusion rate. Check the product to be infused for the expiration date.2. Properly label the product to be infused. Labeling should include at least the following: date, rate of infusion, patients' name, initials of the person initiating infusion and start time. Label the infusion tubing with today's date.3. Place the equipment on the bedside stand or overbed table. Arrange the supplies so they can be easily reached.4. Wash hands and dry thoroughly.5. Wear clean gloves.6. Always keep resident receiving continuous feedings in Semi-Fowler's or higher position.7. Hang per manufacturer's recommendations and prime the tubing.8. Clamp gastric tube and remove plug.9. Attach the primed tubing set to gastric tube.10. Check the tubing for patency.11. Hang the feeding pre-mixed solution on the IV pole.12. Unclamp gastric tube and tubing set.13. Connect the infusion pump, set the rate and push start to begin continuous feedings.14. Place the wash cloth and towel in the soiled laundry container.15. Discard disposable supplies in the designated containers.16. Clean reusable equipment according to the manufacturer's instructions.17. Clean the overbed table and return it to its proper position.18. Assure the tubing is properly positioned so the flow is not obstructed.19. Reposition the bed covers. Make the resident comfortable.20. Place the call light within easy reach of the resident.21. Remove gloves and discard into designated container.

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22. Wash your hands.
23. If the resident desires, return the door and curtains to the open position and if visitors are waiting, tell them they may now enter the room.

Documentation

The person performing this procedure should record the following information in the resident's medical record:

1. The date and time the procedure was performed.
2. The amount and type of enteral feeding.
3. The name and title of the individual(s) who performed the procedure.
4. All assessment data obtained during the procedure.
5. How the resident tolerated the procedure.
6. If the resident refused the procedure, the reason(s) why and the intervention taken.
7. The signature and title of the person recording the data.

Reporting

1. Report complications promptly to the supervisor and the Attending Physician.
2. Notify the supervisor if the resident refuses the procedure.
3. Report other information in accordance with facility policy.