

Gastrostomy/Jejunostomy Site Care

Purpose	The purposes of this procedure are to promote cleanliness and to protect the gastrostomy or jejunostomy site from irritation, breakdown and infection.
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. Gastrostomy and Jejunostomy site care should be provided daily and PRN.
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. Gauze pads;3. Cotton-tipped applicators; and4. Personal protective equipment (e.g., gowns, gloves, mask, etc., as needed).
Steps in the Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Place the equipment on the bedside stand or overbed table. Arrange the supplies so they can be easily reached.2. Wash hands and dry thoroughly.3. Wear clean gloves.4. Using the gauze pads, soap and warm water, gently clean the area immediately surrounding the tube and continue working outward in a circular fashion. Be sure to clean under the bolster.5. If the resident has a Button™, use a cotton-tipped applicator to clean the area and rotate the device once every day. (Note: Since residents fitted with the Button™ are allowed to bathe, a good time for this cleaning routine is during the bath.)6. After cleaning, allow the site to air dry.7. Unless otherwise indicated, do not place a dressing over the site. (Note: Heavy, taped dressings may promote skin problems.)8. Assess the stoma site for signs of redness, pain or soreness, swelling, drainage or any other abnormalities. Report any of these signs of infection immediately to the resident's physician.9. Discard disposable supplies in the designated containers.10. Clean the overbed table and return it to its proper position.11. Reposition the bed covers. Make the resident comfortable.12. Place the call light within easy reach of the resident.13. Remove gloves and discard into designated container.14. Wash your hands.15. 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.

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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 name and title of the individual(s) who performed the procedure.
3. All assessment data obtained during the procedure.
4. How the resident tolerated the procedure.
5. If the resident refused the procedure, the reason(s) why and the intervention taken.
6. 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 and professional standards of practice.