

# Giving Feedings and Medications with a G-Tube

## Preparing and Giving a G-Tube Feeding

1. Hang feeding bag on IV pole so that it is above the level of the stomach and close the roller clamp.
2. Pour feeding amount into feeding bag.
3. Prime Tubing:
  - Slowly open the tubing roller clamp.
  - Allow formula to fill tubing and drip from the end.
  - Close the roller clamp.
  - Place the tubing into feeding pump.
4. If using a Button G-Tube, attach an extension set.
5. Flush the G-Tube with 5 to 10 ml water.
6. Connect the end of feeding bag tubing to G-Tube or Button extension set.
7. Open the roller clamp.
8. Set the volume and rate on the feeding pump and start feeding.
9. When done with feeding, flush the G-Tube with 5 to 10ml water to rinse.
10. Close the roller clamp and remove feeding bag tubing from G-Tube or Button extension.
11. Remove Button extension set.
12. Close G-Tube cap.

Feeding Bag



Extension Set



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Tubing End



ENFIT Syringe



## Cleaning the Feeding Bag, Tubing and Extension Set

1. Wash the G-Tube button extension set, feeding bag and tubing **every day** with warm soapy water made from 1-teaspoon dishwashing liquid soap and 1 quart of water.
2. After washing, rinse well with water and hang to dry.

## Giving Medication

- All medications given with a G-Tube must be in liquid form.
- Always flush the G-Tube with 5ml water **before** and **after** all feedings and medications.
- Give medications before giving feeding, if possible.
- Use the side port on the MIC-G or Button G-Tube extension set to give medications.
- If using a Foley G-Tube, use the same port to give medications and feedings.
- Before giving a multivitamin, mix it in 3ml of formula.

