

# Home Care Instructions for All G-Tubes

You will have **2 follow-up appointments** scheduled before you leave the hospital.  
Your **first appointment will be 2 weeks** after leaving the hospital.  
The **second appointment will depend on the type of G-Tube** you have.

## Daily Care

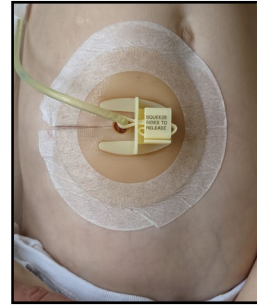
- **Clean around the G-Tube** with gentle soap and water at least 2 times a day or with each securement device change for Foley G-Tubes.
- **Turn the G-tube** 1/4 turn 2 times a day to lessen the risk of skin breakdown. Do this when you change the securement device for Foley G-Tubes.



**Button G-Tube**



**MIC-G Tube**



**Foley G-Tube**

- **Sponge bathe only for the first 4 weeks** after surgery to allow surgical site to heal.
- You **may submerge** your child's G-Tube under water in a tub **after 4 weeks**.
- **Do not use any creams or ointments** around the G-Tube site unless told differently by the Pediatric Surgery APNs.
- **Always flush the G-Tube with 5ml water before and after every use.**

## When to call Pediatric Surgery at (773) 702-6169

### Call the Pediatric Surgery office right away with:

- Fever over 101.5 degrees
- Skin at the incision site is very **warm or red**
- **Bad smelling odor**
- A lot of **leaking** around the G-Tube

## If Your Child's G-Tube Comes Out

**This is a serious problem that needs medical care right away because the G-Tube opening can close down quickly.**

- **Cover the site** with a clean dry gauze or Band-Aid.
- **Get medical help** right away.
  - During the day **Monday to Friday**: Call the Pediatric Surgery APN to get an urgent clinic appointment at (773) 702-6169.
  - **During the night or on weekends**: Go to the Emergency Room for a replacement.

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## Tips for Button G-Tubes

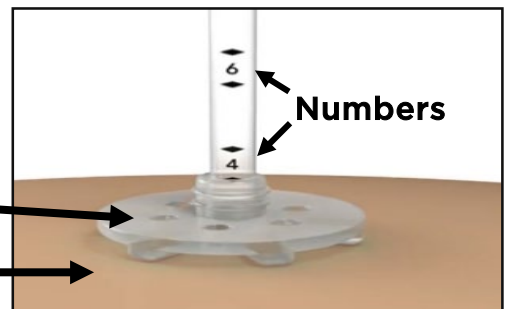
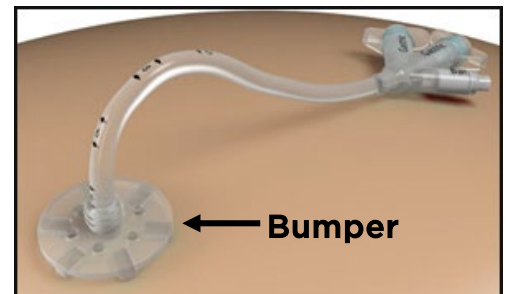
- Remove the extension set when it is not in use to keep your child from pulling and tugging at the Button G-Tube site.

Extension Set



## Tips for MIC G-Tubes

- The **circular disk or bumper** must stay snug against the skin. Make note of the marking number on the tube.
- If the bumper moves up to a higher marking number on the tube, hold the G-Tube upright and gently push and slide the bumper down so that it is snug to the skin.
- The MIG G-Tube may be changed to a shorter Button G-Tube at a later date.



## Tips for Foley G-Tubes

- The Foley G-Tube is placed during surgery is usually a size 8Fr. After about 4 to 6 weeks, it may be upsized to a 10Fr size. This can be done at the bedside or in the clinic.
- The Foley G-Tube may then be changed to a MIC G-Tube or a shorter Button G-Tube about 2 weeks after that.
- After that, the G-Tube must be changed every 3 months.