

Easter Seals Rocky Mountain Village

Feeding Tube Protocol Form

Camper Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Type of feeding tube in place: _____ **NPO?** _____

Syringe bolus _____ Gravity bag _____ Pump _____

Formula Preparation and Storage: _____

Type and amount of formula to be administered:

Duration of feeding administration:

Minimum amount of time: _____ minutes

Maximum amount of time: _____ minutes

Water flush amount per feeding order:

Free water amounts to be given separately from feedings:

Medication considerations in timing, route and administration of meds:

Position of individual before and after feeding:

Oral stimulation order and procedure:

Procedure for decompression or residual limits:

Gastrostomy site observation and skin care/dressing orders:

Physician Signature: _____

Nutrition Preparation and Storage:

- Keep unopened cans with camper belongings labeled with client's name. If refrigerated in med pass room, put can in warm water for 15 minutes. DO NOT MICROWAVE.
- Fresh formula prep: Shake can, and wash top of can. Note amount for feeding and serve at room temperature. Check for odor or any lumps, discard and get a new can if present. If whole can is not used place remaining formula in an airtight container and refrigerate. Make sure it is dated and labeled with clients' name. Discard any opened formula over 24 hours old.
- Label can with clients' name, date and time it was opened. Refrigerate if opened.

Nourishment Administration: Anticipated time for feeding typically 20-40 minutes, but check with caregiver upon check in. Rate of flow is regulated by height of feeding syringe or bag, unless pumped.

- Position client at a 45-degree angle during the feeding and remain in that position for 30 minutes after feeding.
- Wash hands and prepare clean work area.
- Gather supplies, formula, measuring device if needed, syringe, water, towel.
- Explain what you are going to do, glove, check abdomen and stoma site.
- Prime feeding tube with water, clamp, and connect to camper.
- Without introducing air into tubing, flush with water as ordered.
- Clamp and disconnect tubing and close port. Dispose of gloves.
- Document amount and type of formula, water, time, skin and oral care with signature and date.

Medication Administration: Per MAR, by licensed or Qmap personnel, per medication protocol

- Give water first, then medications crushed as directed, with water in between. After all medications are completed, flush with water and begin feeding.

Gastrostomy Site Observation and Care:

- If irritation occurs, wash with mild soap, and warm water and notify camp nurse of stoma site changes and abnormalities, such as bleeding, drainage, odor or formula leakage.
- Clean site if needed with warm soapy water and rinse, place fresh gauze.

Problem Identification:

- If tube won't run- Reposition the client. Run the tubing between your fingers pressing out any contents that may be blocking the tubing. Empty out the syringe and start over after cleaning the tube with clean water. If none of the above work, notify camp nurse.
- If G tube falls out or is pulled out, cover the site with loose gauze and call the camp nurse immediately to replace the tube or call family.
- Decompression orders and procedure if applicable, to be assessed and followed by camp RN, for residuals above 100ccs:

Equipment Care:

- Each camper must have his/her own feeding tube and syringe. These are never to be used on others.
- After completing feeding wash equipment with hot, soapy water, rinse VERY thoroughly in hot water, and lay on clean towels to dry. Equipment must be completely dry prior to using for each feeding.