



Feeding Tube

Home Care Patient Booklet



What is a feeding tube?

A gastrostomy feeding tube is a tube or a button (skin level device) that is surgically placed into the stomach, or sometimes the small intestine, through the abdominal wall. This is to provide nutritional support for people who are not able to get enough calories/nutrition through eating alone. You will use either a pump, syringe, or gravity bag to deliver the formula to your stomach through this tube.



Type and brand of tube

Name: _____

☐ Gastric ☐ Jejunal ☐ Other: _____

Size of tube: _____ French Length of tube: _____ or N/A

Date and place of insertion: _____

Taking care of your tube

- Always wash your hands before feeding or taking care of your tube.
- For the first two weeks, cleanse the skin and the disc with normal saline to remove crusted secretions. Once the stoma is healed, you can continue your usual activities including swimming, sports, etc.
- At every feed, examine the skin around your tube. Wash the area daily with water and gently soap-rinse the area thoroughly and pat dry.
- There is no need for dressings or ointments if the skin is healthy.
- Flush your tube using water and a syringe often to keep it from clogging.
- Flush your tube—before and after every feed, before and after any medications, and at least every 4 hours during a continuous feed.
- For ENFit™ tubes—do NOT overprime or overtighten.

What is ENFit™?

ENFit™ is the new ISO standard for connecting nutritional delivery systems such as feeding sets and feeding tubes. All nutritional delivery products will be equipped with ENFit™ connectors within the near future to reduce the frequency of medical tubing misconnections.



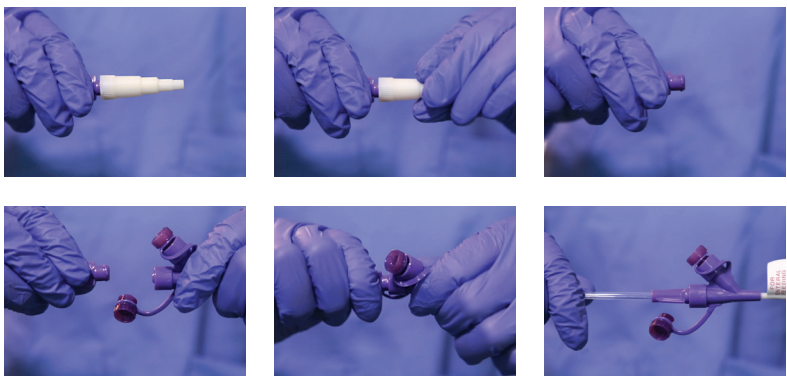
Current Connectors



ENFit™ Connectors

ENFit™ connectors are different than the current “Christmas tree” connectors. The white transition connector attached to your feeding set must be removed before securing the connection of your feeding set and feeding tube.

Visit our website to learn how to connect and disconnect ENFit™ connection systems:
www.cardinalhealth.ca/enfit



An ENFit™ connector requires an ENFit™ syringe in order to connect your feeding set and feeding tube. Typically, a 60 mL sized syringe is used.

Monoject™ Syringes

Z460SG	60 mL Sterile Purple Oral Syringe, Standard Tip
Z8881160015	60 mL Non-sterile Enteral Syringe, ENFit™ Tip
Z460SE	60 mL Sterile Enteral Syringe, ENFit™ Tip

Kangaroo™ Joey and Connect

Kangaroo™ Joey Enteral Feeding Pump and Pump Sets

Z883400	Kangaroo™ Joey Enteral Feeding Pump with Pole Clamp and Power Adapter
Z762055	Kangaroo™ Joey 500 mL Pump Set
Z763656	Kangaroo™ Joey 1000 mL Pump Set

Kangaroo™ Connect Enteral Feeding Pump and Pump Sets

Z884400	Kangaroo™ Connect Enteral Feeding Pump with Pole Clamp and Power Adapter
Z77500FD	Kangaroo™ Connect 500 mL Bag Set
Z77100FD	Kangaroo™ Connect 1000 mL Bag Set

Kangaroo™ Gastrostomy Feeding Tubes with Y-Ports

Non-ENFit™ Code	ENFit™ Code	
Z8884715122	Z8884715122E	12 Fr
Z8884715148	Z8884715148E	14 Fr
Z8884720163	Z8884720163E	16 Fr
Z8884720189	Z8884720189E	18 Fr
Z8884720205	Z8884720205E	20 Fr

Additional sizes up to 28 Fr are available, please ask your dealer for details.

If you are on a feeding pump in Ontario, you might be eligible for financial assistance through the ADP program. Please see their website for more information: www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program

Notes

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