

# ENTERAL FEEDING PATIENT

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

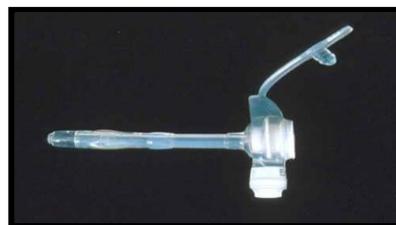
This patient has a **LOW PROFILE GASTROSTOMY TUBE (BUTTON)**

Tube Make: **MIC-KEY**  **MINI ONE**  **OTHER** \_\_\_\_\_

Tube Size \_\_\_\_ Fr \_\_\_\_ cm

Balloon water volume \_\_\_\_\_ ml\*

Due for removal/replacement \_\_\_\_\_



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trust ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## REPLACEMENT TUBE AFTERCARE IN A FORMED STOMA TRACT

### Daily

- Clean around the site with soapy water and dry
- Rotate tube 360°
- Wash extension set in warm soapy water. Store in a clean plastic box when not in use

### Weekly

- Withdraw the water in the balloon and note the amount taken out
- Replace with amount of sterile water specified above \* (dependant on balloon size, tube size, and tube make) using a 10ml luer slip syringe

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### Fortnightly

- Discard extension set and replace

### General Care Advice

- Do NOT advance the tube
- A dressing should not be needed
- Test pH of gastric aspirate if there are any concerns about tube position. Only use tube if pH  $\leq 5.0$
- Do NOT use the balloon inflation port for anything other than checking the water volume and inflating the balloon
- All feed, fluid and medication MUST be administered via the extension set and NOT directly into the port
- Flush with a minimum of 30ml of sterile water before and after feed and/or medication
- Always use a 60ml Enteral syringe for giving feed, fluid and medication

## ALERT

If there are any of the following:

- Pain on feeding
- Prolonged or severe pain post-procedure
- Fresh bleeding
- External leakage of gastric content
- Balloon is empty (tape tube to skin immediately)
- Balloon water is not clear e.g. gastric content/feed/medication
- Balloon has 1ml more or less of water than was placed into the balloon
- If the tube comes out the stoma will start closing in 30mins and may be fully closed in 4hrs

### Then

- STOP the feed immediately
- Bleep the Gastroenterology Registrar or Out of Hours the On-Call Medical Registrar for urgent advice
- Contact Interventional Radiology on 4240 if the tube has come out (Mon-Fri 8am – 4pm)

Be particularly vigilant with patients who have communication difficulties