



Client's Name:

PHIN:

HOME CARE ATTENDANT ASSIGNMENT TASK PLAN – CLIENT SPECIFIC
Gastrostomy Tube Feed by Gravity

Important Points to Remember for this Client

Examples:

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Date: _____

Signature: _____

PROBLEMS TO WATCH FOR AND REPORT

- Inform client that he/she is NOT to lie flat during tube feeding or for 30 minutes after feeding.
- Client is unable to tolerate feeding, complains of stomach cramps or pain during process. Stop tube feed and contact family and office as soon as possible.

Procedure – Tube Feed

1. Verify client identification using 2 client identifiers.
2. Wash hands.
3. Gather supplies; feeding set, formula, 10-20 ml syringe, cup of water and Intravenous (IV) pole.
4. Ensure that the feeding tube is in the correct position and properly secured.
5. Close roller clamp on tubing.
6. Apply disposable gloves.
7. Fill feeding bag with correct amount of formula. Replace cap on feeding bag.
8. Hang feeding bag on IV pole.
9. Squeeze drop chamber to "fill" line.
10. Close roller clamp.
11. Flush feeding tube with amount of water indicated on care plan. If it does not flush easily, stop and notify Resource Coordinator/family.
12. Connect feeding set end to feeding tube.
13. Gradually open roller clamp on tubing set and adjust rate of flow to the time period identified on the care plan.
14. When feeding is complete, close roller clamp and disconnect feeding set end from feeding tube.
15. Flush feeding tube with amount of water indicated on care plan.
16. Put cap back on feeding port of tube.
17. Wash feeding set.
18. Clean and replace equipment. Discard disposable items.
19. Remove disposable gloves and discard.
20. Wash hands.
21. Document correctly on the Home Care Medication Assignment Record – Home Care Attendant.