

## How do I care for my child's gastrojejunal feeding tube?

You will be shown how to care for the tube before you go home and will be given further written information.

## What training will I receive?

A healthcare professional will train you to complete a gastrojejunal feed prior to being discharged from hospital.

## What support will I get at home?

The Children and Young People's Home Care Team will support you at home.

## What equipment and supplies do I need?

You will be sent home with the equipment and supplies that you require. Further equipment can be obtained through the Children and Young People's Home Care Team. If you have problems obtaining supplies, then please contact your child's Community Nurse.

**Remember to order supplies in good time before they run out and only use equipment for the specified amount of time.**

## Can we go on holiday?

Your child may travel but it is recommended that you discuss this with your medical team before booking your holiday.

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## Information for parents and carers



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## What is a gastrojejunal feeding tube?

A gastrojejunal feeding tube provides access to the stomach and jejunum via a surgical opening through a child's abdominal wall in children where the mouth needs to be bypassed.

## Why is a gastrojejunal feeding tube needed?

A gastrojejunal feeding tube is used when a child is unable to take sufficient fluids and food by mouth. It may also be required when a child who is already gastrostomy fed (into stomach) is unable to be fed directly into the stomach.

## How is the tube secured in place?

Tubes are held externally by an external fixation device or a triangle.

## What are the types of gastrojejunal feeding tubes?

### Gastrojejunal Tube



## What are the feeding methods?

The most suitable method of feeding for your child will be discussed with you. Types of feeding methods are:

- **Bolus:** the feed is given by gravity.
- **Intermittently:** the feed is given by gravity or pump. This ensures that the child has some time free of feeding.
- **Continuously:** the feed is given by a pump system. The child is connected to the system most of the time therefore this will need to be taken into consideration during the child's daily activities.

## Are there any risks or side effects from having a gastrojejunal feeding tube inserted?

If your child has not had a gastrostomy tube before, there is a very small risk of damage to the large intestine.

There is a risk that the jejunal tube could dislodge back into stomach. Signs that this may have happened, are an increase in reflux symptoms or feed appears when drawing a sample from the gastric port.

A side effect can be crampy stomach pains, which may occur during the first few hours. This is due to the need to inflate the stomach with air, during the procedure. This should pass within a few hours.

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