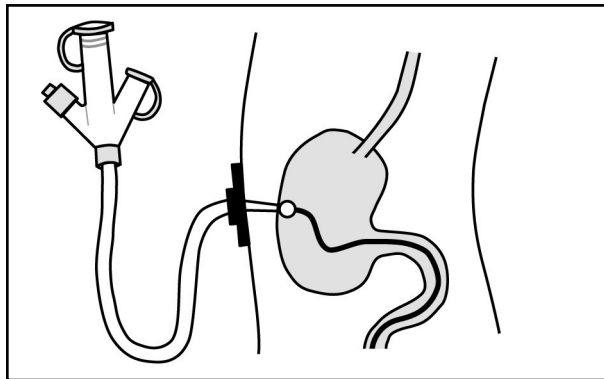


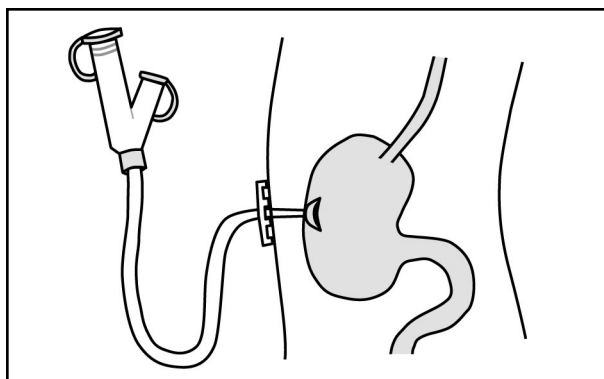
# Care for Your Gastrostomy (Feeding Tube)

You have had a gastrostomy (feeding tube) placed into your stomach. A gastrostomy tube is placed surgically or during an endoscopy procedure.

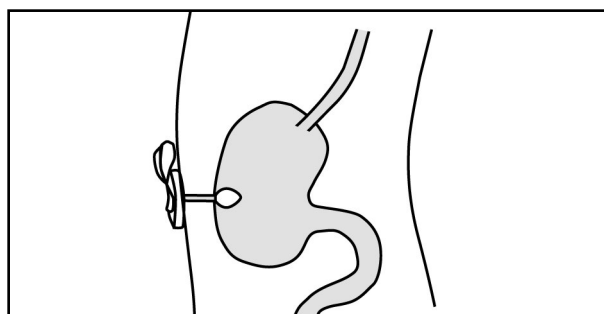
There are several types of feeding tubes:



**Jejunal tube**



**PEG tube/Gastric tube**



**Skin level device (Gastric and/or Jejunal)**

## Your Feeding Tube Information

Feeding tube type: \_\_\_\_\_

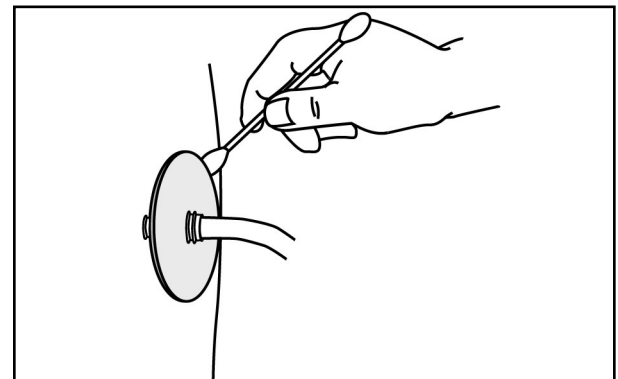
Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of dtoma: \_\_\_\_\_

Date placed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Care of Your Feeding Tube and Stoma (Tube) Site

- Wash your hands with soap and water before handling any food or equipment.
- The stoma (tube) site should be cleaned daily with mild soap and water. Be sure to clean under the bolster and dry the area with clean gauze or cotton swab.



**Jejunal tube**

- Check the site for signs of redness, pain, soreness, swelling or unusual drainage. If you develop these symptoms, please call your health care provider.
- Do not keep a closed dressing over the site. This can promote skin problems due to trapped moisture.

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- Rinse the tube with water before and after feeding to prevent blockage and formula buildup. If the tube is blocked, place a syringe into the blocked tube and gently pullback on the plunger, then attempt to flush water into the tube again. If the blockage remains, try to massage the tube and again try to flush water into the tube.
- If the tube is accidentally pulled out, cover the stoma with clean gauze and call your health care provider. The tube will need to be replaced as soon as possible. The stoma site starts to close within four hours.
- Leakage at the stoma site can occur because the tube has pulled away from the abdominal wall or the stoma site is enlarged. If the leakage does not stop, call your health care provider.
- Change in the length of the tube from the original measurement can indicate that the tube is moving in or out of the site. If there is a significant change in the length of the tube, call your health care provider.