

Enterprise Care Management Community – Quick Reference

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Gastrostomy-Jejunal (G-J) Button: a Nurses' Guide

This Quick Reference Guide will cover **flushing, stabilization, daily care, medication administration, and feeding administration** for a patient with gastrostomy-jejunal tube/button in the community. Nurses with appropriate competencies may insert a Foley catheter in an open tract to keep open.



Flushing: Use tap water:

Type of device	Less than 1 year of age or 10 kilograms (kg)	10 kg - 35 kg	Over 35 kg
G - J tube/button	10 milliliters (mL) before and after feedings/ medications and every 6 hours during continuous feedings; Consult provider for flush volumes in between medications.	15 mL before and after feedings/ medications and every 6 hours during continuous feedings; 2 mL in between medications	20-30 mL before and after feedings/ medications; and every 6 hours during continuous feedings 2 mL in between medications

Stabilization:

External bolster and internal balloon keeps G-J Tube stabilized

Daily Care:

Type of Tube	Cleaning	Rotations	Comments
Gastrostomy - Jejunum Button	Mild soap and water	Do not turn	NA

NOTE: Jejunum tubes require a great amount of flush in order to prevent tube from clogging

Medication:

- Instill medication through gastric portion of GJ Tube
- Do not give buccal, sublingual, time release or extended release medications through the G-J tube/button
- Do not instill medications in the balloon port of any G-J Tube
- Use liquid medications when possible. If tablets must be used, first crush them to fine powder and dissolve in water
- Do NOT put medications into the feeding bag unless ordered
- Give medications separately to avoid a possible drug interaction
- Flush tubing after each medication per flushing guidelines

Feeding:

- Administer continuous (gtt) feedings through the Jejunum port
- Continuous feedings are given over 18-24 hours depending on provider order
- Bolus feedings are not given in Jejunum port
- Feeding extensions sets are reusable for 2 weeks or until they are leaking/altered integrity
- Position upright at least during and for 30-60 minutes following feeds