

# **Enteral Pump Feeding**

### GET YOUR SUPPLIES TOGETHER

- Formula
- Feeding set (as ordered)
- Enteral pump
- 60 mL syringe
- Clean cloth
- Cup of water
- Materials for storing unused formula



#### **FIRST! VERY IMPORTANT:**

Discard syringe and feeding set after 24 hours and replace with new equipment.

### **HOW DO I PREPARE THE PUMP FEEDING?**

- 1. **WASH** your hands with soap and warm water. Rinse well and dry your hands with a fresh paper towel.
- 2. **OPEN** the formula (refer to your personal prescription). Unopened cans can be stored at room temperature. Opened cans need to be stored in refrigerator and used within 24 hours.
- 3. **PRIME** feeding set.
  - *NOTE:* For Compat pump, the feeding set must be primed first before attaching to pump.
- 4. **CHECK** the feeding set to make sure it is attached to the pump properly.
- 5. **FLUSH** the feeding tube using a 60 mL syringe with the prescribed amount of warm water.
- 6. **REMOVE** the protective cap from the end of the feeding set.
- 7. **INSERT** the tip of the feeding set into the feeding tube.
- 8. If there is a clamp on the feeding set, **OPEN** it completely. **TURN ON** the pump and verify rate with order. If the pump is not already preset, set the rate according to order.
- 9. **START** the pump. After the feeding container has emptied, **STOP** the pump.



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### HOW TO FLUSH YOUR TUBE - ASIDE FROM THE AUTOMATIC PUMP FLUSHES:

**NOTE:** If your pump automatically flushes the tube at set intervals, or if pump does not automatically flush, you may still need to give yourself (additional) water.

## Intermittent or nocturnal pump tubing feedings:

- 1. If your pump tubing does not have a Y-port skip to step #2. If your pump tubing has a Y-port, press the "HOLD" button to pause feeding, then insert 60 mL syringe into Y-port and flush the feeding tube with the prescribed amount of warm water. Press "HOLD" button to resume feeding.
- 2. PRESS "HOLD" button to pause feeding.
- 3. **DISCONNECT** the pump tubing from the feeding tube.
- 4. Use a 60 mL syringe to **FLUSH THE TUBE** with the prescribed amount of warm water.
- 5. **DRY** syringe completely and store in a clean covered container or wrap in a clean towel until the next use.



#### **VERY IMPORTANT:**

Throw away the feeding set and syringe **every 24 hours** and replace with new equipment.

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