Emergency G Tube Instructions When Using a 12 Fr Mic G tube

**Step 1:** Breathe! Don’t panic!

**Step 2:** Lay child down. Cover the site with dry gauze to absorb any leaking formula.

**Step 3:** Gather all supplies
- 12 Fr Mic G tube
- 5ml Syringe (or cc)
- Cup of clean tap water or bottled water
- Lubricant

**Step 4:** Draw up 3 mL of water in your empty syringe and attach to white balloon port of G tube.

**Step 5:** Place the tip of the catheter into lubricant.

**Step 6:** With one hand, grip the catheter about 3 inches from the tip and insert it gently into the abdominal opening. Hold tube in place. With your other hand, inflate the balloon by pushing the plunger of the syringe until all the water is out of the syringe. **While holding the plunger of the syringe down**, twist and remove the empty syringe from the white port.

**Step 7:** Pull back gently on the tube until you feel a little resistance so you know the balloon is up against the inside of the stomach wall. Push Bolster on tube down against stomach. (Do not pull hard on tube, stabilize tube and push bolster down).

Do not use the GTube for medications or formula or feed your child by mouth until you are instructed by provider. A contrast study will need to done through the tube.

Call Pediatric Surgery (585-275-4435)
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