

Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Nursing	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Gastronomy Tube Flushing	<b>SECTION:</b> G
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**GASTRONOMY TUBE FLUSHING**

**POLICY:**

RN's will flush the resident's gastrostomy tube after feeding and as ordered by the Physician.

**PROCEDURE:**

Ensure that you are speaking with the resident to avoid anxiety with the procedure.

1. Turn off the enteral pump.
2. Close the roller clamp.
3. Disconnect the feeding tube from the gastrostomy tube connector.
4. Using a 60 cc catheter tip syringe, flush with 90 cc of room temperature water.
5. Remove the syringes and close the connector cap in place.
  - a. Discard the 60 cc syringes every 3 days. Date the syringe to ensure it is not used passed the 3 days. You may use 2 syringes, filling 40 cc in the first syringe and 50 cc in the second syringe to reach the 90 cc amount.