

Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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| <b>CATEGORY:</b><br>Nursing | <b>SUBJECT:</b><br>Gastronomy Site Daily Care | <b>SECTION:</b><br>G |
| <b>DATE:</b>                | <b>Administrator:</b> <u>J. M.</u>            | <b>POLICY:</b><br>1  |
| <b>REVISION DATES:</b>      | <b>Director of Care:</b> <u>Cheryl Allick</u> |                      |

**GASTRONOMY SITE DAILY CARE**

**POLICY:**

- Assessment of the skin around the gastrostomy site will be made every shift by the Registered Staff.
- The Registered Staff will exercise judgement in deciding whether or not to place a dressing at the tube insertion site.

**PURPOSE:**

To prevent and detect skin irritation and/or infection.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Inspect skin for redness, tenderness, swelling irritation and presence of purulent drainage or gastric leakage.
2. Place mark on tube at entry pint, at time of admission. Inspect tube for inward or outward migration.
3. Wash hands thoroughly (gloves may be applied, if desired).
4. Clean under disk with cotton applicator dipped in normal saline.
5. Apply skin barrier cream to skin around tubing before dressing if applicable. Apply dressing around tube site, if needed, and secure gastrostomy tubing on gauze dressing to prevent pull and protect skin.