

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Precautions	SUBJECT: Infection Control for Enteral Feeding	SECTION: G POLICY: 19
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INFECTION CONTROL FOR ENTERAL FEEDING

POLICY:

Registered Staff will ensure that standard infection control policies are followed.

PROCEDURE:

- 1) Hand hygiene must be completed prior to feed preparation.
- 2) Feed expiry dates must be checked before use. Stock rotation must be done to avoid feeds exceeding their expiry date.
- 3) Enteral feeding tubing will be changed daily. All feeds and administration sets must be labeled with start date and time.
- 4) All unused feedings must be discarded after use. Check the label on the feed for expiry once spiked- each product can differ.
- 5) Discard the syringes used for flushing and medication every 3 days. Date and label syringes to avoid cross contamination.
- 6) Ensure water used for flushing the tubing is in a closed system and ensure the container is washed and labelled with the new date every 3 days.
- 7) The insertion site should be cleaned with soap and water daily.
- 8) Unopened feed should be stored in a clean, cool, dry place, away from a heat source.