

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Nursing	SUBJECT: Medication Administration per Gastronomy Tube	SECTION: M
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MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION PER GASTRONOMY TUBE

POLICY:

Residents requiring medication administration per gastrostomy tube will be carefully monitored by the Registered Staff.

PURPOSE:

To provide and administer medication via gastrostomy tube.

EQUIPMENT:

- Liquid medication as ordered by the Physician, or crushed and mixed with water (check that meds can be crushed).
- 60 ml syringe.
- Room temperature water for flushing.

PROCEDURE:

1. Wash hands and assist the resident to a sitting position.
2. Flush gastrostomy with 30 cc room temperature water per syringe.
3. Administer dosage of liquid medication, as ordered by the Physician, per syringe into the gastrostomy tube.
4. Flush gastrostomy tube with 60 cc room temperature water per syringe.
5. Follow this procedure for each medication to be administered.