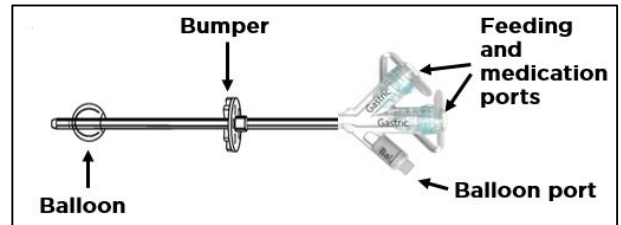


MIC-G Gastrostomy Tube Care Tips

MIC G-Tube

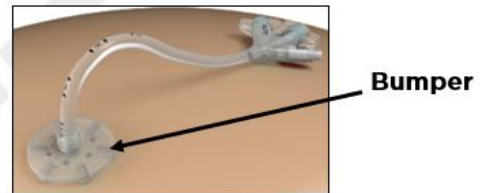
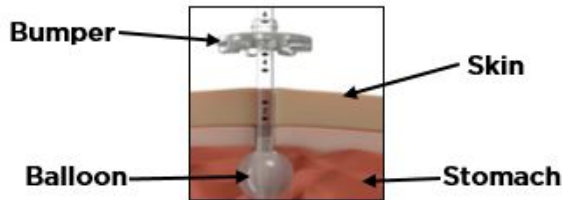
The MIC G-Tube allows for flexible sizing by the use of a bumper.

The **tubing** that extends outside the body has **3 ports**. 2 ports are used to connect to your child's feeding or to give medications. The third tube is used to fill the balloon.



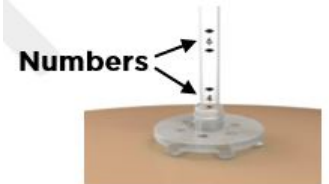
The MIC G-Tube is held in place at the skin level with a **bumper** and a **balloon** in the stomach.

Keep the bumper snug at the skin level to prevent leakage.



If the bumper slides up, hold the G-Tube straight up and gently slide the bumper back down until it is comfortably snug on the skin.

Use the numbers marked on the tube as a reference point for bumper placement.



Positioning After Surgery (For babies under 6 months)

Before your baby is positioned on their stomach, you must stop and disconnect the feeding.

- **After 4 days:** Baby may sit up or lay against your chest.
- **For weeks 2 to 3:** Baby may lay on tummy with a roll under upper chest for support.
- **At 4 weeks:** Baby may lay on tummy without a roll.

Feeding With a G-Tube

Before you go home you will be given a home feeding plan. Your surgery team will show you:

- How to give your child's feeding
- How to flush the G-Tube

The MIC-G Tube connects directly to the feeding tubing with an 'ENFIT' connection.

ENFIT Tubing End



Tubing and Syringe Screw Connection



ENFIT Syringe



The 'ENFIT' connection screws together and is **only** for G-Tube feedings. The MIC-G Tube, feeding tubing and syringes will have this special connection.

Flushing the G-Tube

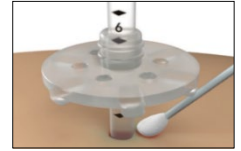
- Flush the G-Tube with 5ml of water **before** and **after** each feeding and medication.
- If you are not using the G-Tube every day, then flush at least one time a day with 5 to 10ml of water to prevent clogging.
- Remove feeding tubing from the MIC G-Tube after flushing.

MIC-G Gastrostomy Tube Care Tips

General Care

Site Care:

- Clean the G-Tube site with gentle soap and water 2 times a day and as needed to keep the site from crusting. You may use a Q-tip to clean under the **bumper**.
- Turn the G-Tube several times a day to keep it from staying in the same spot.



Bathing:

- Sponge bathe for the 1st month after G-Tube is placed.
- When given the OK by APN, you may give your child a regular bath in a tub.

Securing:

- Secure the G-Tube under clothing if needed.
- Use one piece clothing or clothing that helps keep your child's hands from pulling on the G-Tube.

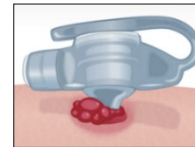
G-Tube Leakage

A small amount of leaking around the G-Tube is normal and can be managed with daily cleaning. If feeding or medications are leaking out around the tube, or if the surrounding skin becomes red and irritated, call the Pediatric Surgery APN.

You can check and refill the water in the balloon if your care team has instructed you how to do it. Refilling the balloon to the correct amount of water may lessen leaking.

Granulation Tissue

Granulation tissue is an "overgrowth" of tissue around the G-Tube. It develops when the body tries to repair itself at the G-Tube site. If it bleeds or there is a large amount of tissue, call the Pediatric Surgery APN for treatment options.



Follow-up Appointments

- **2-week follow-up:** Your first visit after G-Tube surgery may be an online or virtual visit.
- **3-month follow-up:** An in-clinic visit to check the G-Tube site and do the first G-Tube change.
- Follow-up visits will then be every 3 months in the clinic for G-Tube changes. Your surgery team may also teach you how to do this at home. If you are changing the G-Tube at home, your child should be seen in the clinic for a follow-up once a year.

When To Call Pediatric Surgery With Concerns (773) 702-6169

- Changes at G-Tube site: **redness**, **warmth**, **a lot of drainage** or **leaking**, **bad odor**, **pain** or **skin breakdown**
- **Fever** over 101.5 degrees
- **Vomiting** (throwing up) or **Diarrhea** (watery stools)
- If you are not able to flush or use the G-Tube

If Your Child's G-Tube Comes Out

This is a serious problem that needs medical care right away because the G-Tube opening can close down quickly.

- **Cover the site** with a clean dry gauze or Band-Aid
- **Get medical help** right away
 - During the day **Monday to Friday:** Call the Pediatric Surgery APN to get an urgent clinic appointment at (773) 702-6169
 - **During the night** or on **weekends:** Go to the Emergency Room for a replacement