

**GASTROSTOMY AND JEJUNOSTOMY CARE**

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**I. POLICY**

All patients having a gastrostomy or jejunostomy tube will have the dressing changed per procedure and the tube flushed per procedure.

**II. PROCEDURES**

A. Supplies required:

1. 4x4 gauze pads
2. 4x4 split gauze pads
3. Tape or securement device
4. Gloves

B. Explain procedure to patient.

C. Wash hands and gather supplies on a clean, dry surface.

D. Place patient in semi-Fowler position.

E. Apply gloves.

F. Wash skin around tube with mild soap and water or as directed by physician, allow to dry.

G. Apply dressing as directed by physician.

H. If tube is not being used, coil and tape or securement device.

I. Flush tube with 30 ml of water every 6 hours if patient is on continuous feeding and every 4 hours for intermittent feedings. (Flushes may vary with fluid restriction)