

PATIENT EDUCATION

Use of the Farrell Valve

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Properly administering your medication at home is important to your safety. In the event of an emergency, call 911.

SUPPLIES:

- Farrell Bag
- Feeding bag
- 60 cc. catheter tip syringe
- IV Pole
- Infusion device (if ordered)

PROCEDURE:

1. Clean work area. Wash hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds. Gather supplies.
2. Hang feeding bag and Farrell bag on the same IV pole at the same height.
3. Close white clamp above the Farrell Y-Port.
4. Insert enteral pump administration set connector into Y-Port on the Farrell line.
5. Fill feeding bag with formula and prime tubing continuing past the Farrell Y-Port to end.
6. Manually decompress patient's stomach with a 60 cc. Syringe prior to connecting Farrell line into feeding tube.
7. Insert the end of the Farrell bag tubing connector into the feeding tube.
8. Open both white and blue clamps on the Farrell line.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

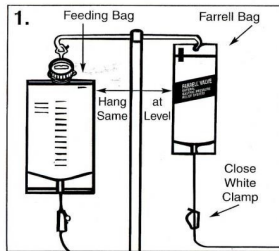
- The Farrell valve can be used with any type of enteral delivery system, including feeding pumps, gravity, or bolus feeding.

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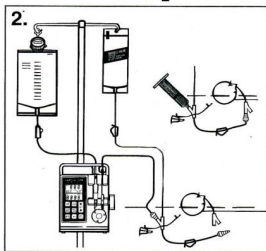
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- Make sure the Farrell Y-port is at or below the patient's umbilicus.
- Change the Farrell bag daily.
- When the Farrell line is open, the pump "OCCLUSION" alarm will not function, as formula will continue to flow into Farrell bag (see tips on diagram sheet).

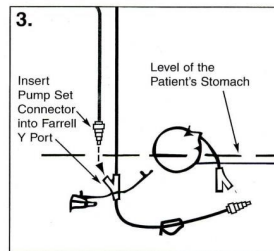
Farrell Valve & Super Farrell Valve



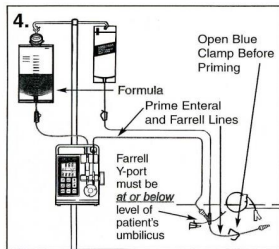
• Hang FARRELL Bag on same IV pole as feeding container.
 • **IMPORTANT: THE FARRELL BAG MUST BE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME HEIGHT AS THE FEEDING CONTAINER.**
 • Close **WHITE CLAMP** above FARRELL "Y" Port.



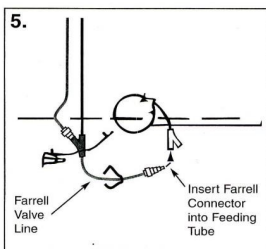
• **NOTE:** The Farrell Valve can be used with any type of enteral delivery system, i.e. enteral pump (as above), syringe pump, gravity or bolus (as above).



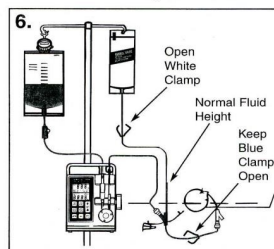
• Insert enteral pump administration set connector into "Y" port on FARRELL Line.
 • **PRIME ENTERAL AND FARRELL LINES (FARRELL Line: below FARRELL "Y" Port) WITH FORMULA.**



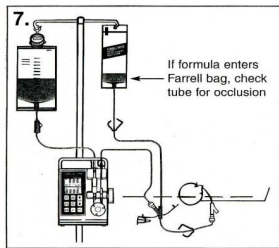
• **NOTE:** Make sure enteral line and Farrell line below Y-port are primed before connecting to patient tube.
 • The FARRELL "Y" Port should be at or below the patient's umbilicus.



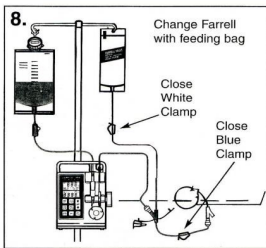
• Insert FARRELL line connector into feeding tube.
 • **NOTE:** Manually decompress patient's stomach with a 60cc syringe prior to connecting Farrell line into feeding tube.



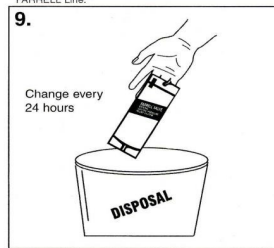
• Open both white and blue clamps on FARRELL Line.
 • FARRELL Valve is now in operation. Normal fluid height of the FARRELL Line will be slightly above patient's stomach level.
 • Formula will continuously move up and down in the FARRELL Line.



• Formula will rise in FARRELL Line (and may enter FARRELL Bag) if feeding tube is occluded, or if formula or gas refluxes from patient's stomach. The FARRELL Valve Bag is vented to allow the escape of gas. **WARNING:** When FARRELL Line is open, the pump's "occlude" alarm will not function, as formula will continue to flow into FARRELL Bag.



• To discontinue FARRELL Valve or Super FARRELL Valve operation, close both **WHITE** and **BLUE** Clamps on FARRELL Line.



• Change the FARRELL Bag when the formula bag is changed.
 • Recommended use of FARRELL Bag is 24 hours.
 • Follow institutions procedure for disposal of formula bag set.



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