

Administering Medications Through your PEG / G-tube / J-tube / NG Tube

Your doctor may order medications to be given through your tube. Always be sure to check with your doctor, pharmacist, or nurse for availability of medications in liquid form.

If a medication is not available in liquid form:

- Ask your doctor, pharmacist, or nurse if a medication can be crushed or dissolved in water. Some medications are time-released or enteric-coated and not able to be crushed or dissolved.
- If a medication can be crushed, utilize a pill crusher and crush the medication until it is a fine powder. Mix the powder with water and administer like a water flush.
- If a medication can be dissolved in water, placed the pill in a small amount of water and allow the pill to fully dissolve. Administer like a water flush.
- If a pill is in a plastic capsule, ask your doctor, pharmacist, or nurse if the contents can be emptied from the capsule and mixed with water. If they can, mix well and administer like a water flush.
- If a medication is in liquid form, administer it like a water flush.

Always flush tube with water after administering each medication.

If a liquid medication is excessively thick or sticky, make sure to adequately flush tube so no contents are left on the sides of the tube.

Wash out syringe thoroughly with warm water and allow to air dry.

Medications should always be given separately. Mixing medications can cause adverse reactions and clogged tubes.