

 <p>Connecticut Valley Hospital Nursing Policy and Procedure</p>	<p>SECTION D: PSYCHOLOGICAL ADAPTATION CHAPTER 13: BASIC NEEDS</p> <p>POLICY AND PROCEDURE 13.1.7: Using and Caring for the Patient with a Gastric Feeding Tube</p>
<p>Authorization: Nursing Executive Committee</p>	<p>Date Effective: May 1, 2018 Scope: Connecticut Valley Hospital Nurses</p>

PURPOSE: A gastric feeding tube, also known as a gastrostomy tube, is a flexible tube inserted through the abdominal wall into the stomach for the purpose of administering enteral nutrition, medication, hydration, and radiologic contrast agents to patients who have a functioning gastrointestinal system but who are unable to meet their nutritional needs by oral ingestion or through the nasopharyngeal route.

POLICY: **Connecticut Valley Hospital's Nursing Executive Committee** has reviewed and approved the resources contained in *Nursing Reference Center* relating to Gastric Feeding Tubes. Click on the links below to review Nursing Practice and Skills/Skill Competency Checklists.

Note: any policy information that is specific to Connecticut Valley Hospital will be displayed in the HOSPITAL SPECIFIC SECTION.

HOSPITAL SPECIFIC: Using and caring for the patient with a gastric feeding tube can be provided on any of the inpatient units across the hospital. Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses are responsible for accessing and performing the care associated with G-tubes. The desired outcome of G-tube use and care is to maintain safe and effective enteral access for the administration of enteral feedings, hydration, and medications while preventing or minimizing complications.

GASTRIC FEEDING TUBE: USING AND CARING FOR THE PATIENT WITH
Reference: CINAHL Nursing Guide, August 14, 2015

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