

**G Tube Feeding and Dysfunction Plan****Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Effective School Year:** \_\_\_\_\_**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

A Gastrostomy (G Tube) is a safe and simple way of giving food, medication, and fluids directly into the stomach. It is necessary when a student is unable to take food or get enough nourishment by mouth.

A gastrostomy is a surgical opening into the stomach. A flexible polyurethane tube (the gastrostomy tube) is inserted into the surgical opening. It is held in place from the inside of the stomach with a sterile water-filled balloon. The tube is clamped and/or capped between feedings to prevent leakage.

There are many different types of G Tubes, and some are called buttons. They look slightly different, but all have the same purpose: to provide food, medication, and fluids directly into the stomach.

**G Tube Brand:** \_\_\_\_\_**G Tube Size:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Balloon Fill Volume:** \_\_\_\_\_**Venting of G Tube should be done (when):** \_\_\_\_\_**Gravity feeding of** \_\_\_\_\_ **oz. of** \_\_\_\_\_ **at (times):** \_\_\_\_\_**Water flush in the amount of** \_\_\_\_\_ **oz. should follow each gravity feeding.****Additional water bolus of** \_\_\_\_\_ **oz. should be given at (times)** \_\_\_\_\_**Tube feeding via pump of** \_\_\_\_\_ **should be started at (times):** \_\_\_\_\_**Tube feeding via pump should be at a rate of:** \_\_\_\_\_ **over (run time):** \_\_\_\_\_**Problem: G Tube dysfunction**

1. Bleeding and/or drainage
2. G Tube/button falls out or is pulled out

**Goal: Early recognition and intervention of G Tube dysfunction****Action:**

1. Bleeding and/or drainage
  - a. Check to be sure the tube is not being pulled on
  - b. Check that the cap or clamp is properly secured
  - c. Check for leaks at the incision site
  - d. Ensure the balloon is filled and secure according to the order
  - e. Add drain gauze as a skin protectant and tape in place
  - f. If leaking or bleeding continues, contact the parent/guardian



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### 2. G Tube falls out or is pulled out

- a. The surgical opening may close quickly. The G Tube must be replaced before the opening closes.  
\_\_\_\_\_’s G Tube must be replaced within \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of becoming dislodged.
- b. Should \_\_\_\_\_’s G Tube dislodge, follow the following procedure for insertion/replacement.  
**(Parent/Guardian select 1 of the appropriate procedures below)**

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1. Notify the **RN or trained delegate**
2. RN or other trained delegate: gather supplies
3. Replace G Tube provided by parent/guardian per nursing procedure
4. Notify parent/guardian that the G Tube dislodged and was replaced.
5. If **no replacement tube is available**, wash the old tube with soap and water and reinsert it to maintain the surgical opening. Tape the tube in place and cover it with dry gauze; notify the parent/guardian.

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1. Cover the site with a dry dressing or bandage
2. Notify the parent/guardian immediately
3. Do not attempt to replace the tube yourself
4. If a parent/guardian or other emergency contact is unavailable, call 9-1-1.

**Please add any additional information in the space below:**

Physician Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Nurse Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_