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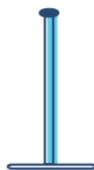
Emergency Gravity Feeding

In the event your feeding pump is not working correctly, please contact Sentido Health at 713-955-2123 for immediate assistance. A Sentido representative will be available to help troubleshoot your issue, 24-hours per day, 7-days per week. In the event your issue cannot be resolved via troubleshooting, you will be provided with a replacement or loaner pump. If one cannot be provided to you same-day, you may need to utilize your back-up emergency gravity kit, provided to you at the time of your initial set-up.

Important: If you have a jejunostomy tube, please contact your physician; do not use the gravity method.



Gravity Feeding Bag



IV Pole

SUPPLIES NEEDED



60 cc Syringe



Formula

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Wash your hands, wipe the top of the formula can down
2. Take the Gravity Feeding Bag and hang the bag on the IV Pole, with the drip chamber 2-3 feet above the feeding tube
3. Ensure the line is closed off to air by rolling the roller clamp down until the line is securely pinched off
4. Take the formula and pour the desired amount for the feeding into the bag, not to exceed this one feed
5. To remove the air from the bag, start by removing the cap from the end of the tubing and confirming the tubing is not connected to the patient. Slowly start to roll the clamp upwards until you begin to see formula start to move through the line. Continue with this until the formula has completely cleared the line and the air is removed. Allow a few drops to exit the tubing before re-clamping.
6. Next, take your 60 cc Syringe and flush the feeding tube with 30-45 ml of water
7. Sit or lay in an elevated position during the feed, stay in this position for 30 minutes post feeding
8. Next step is to find your drip rate. Please use the Drip Rate Chart provided. Slowly release the roller clamp to allow formula to drip out from the bottom of the line, counting the number of drips per 15 seconds. Locate your prescribed pump rate (how fast) and find the associated drips per minute or 15 seconds
9. Once you have determined the correct drip rate, you are ready to connect the adapter to the feeding tube to begin the feed.
10. Once feeding has been completed, close the clamp and disconnect from the feeding tube
11. Finish by flushing with 30-45 cc of clean water

If you have any questions as it relates to the purpose of enteral feeding or any side effects associated with enteral feeds, please contact your physician. These instructions do not take the place of medical advice from your healthcare provider.

At any point should you have any questions, Sentido Health clinical staff are here and available to help you. Please contact your local RD or our office at 713-955-2123 and ask to speak to your clinical liaison.