

# Emergency Gravity Feeding

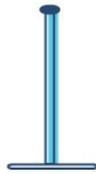
## INSTRUCTIONS

*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.**

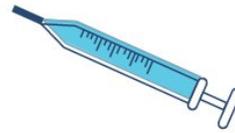


Gravity Feeding Bag



IV Pole

### SUPPLIES NEEDED



60 cc Syringe



Formula

### Prepare & Pour

1. Wash your hands and wipe the top of the formula can down with a clean cloth or paper towel.
2. Close the roller clamp on the feeding bag by rolling down until the line is securely pinched off.
3. Hang the Gravity Feeding Bag on the IV Pole, with the drip chamber 2-3 feet above the feeding tube.
4. Take the formula and pour the prescribed amount into the feeding bag (not to exceed this one feed).
5. Remove the cap from the end of the tube and ensure the patient is disconnected from the tubing.

### Remove Air

6. Remove the air from the bag by slowly opening the roller clamp until the formula starts to move through the line. Continue this until the formula has completely cleared the line and all air is removed.
7. Allow a few drops to exit the tubing, then close the roller clamp.

### Find Drip Rate

8. Next, you will calculate your drip rate. First, find the number of drops needed per hour by dividing your dose by your desired feeding time (in hours). Then using the drip rate chart provided, find your rate and the related drops per 15 seconds.
9. Set your drip rate by using the roller clamp to adjust the flow until you find the correct drips per 15 seconds.

### Feed

10. Sit or lay in an elevated position during the feed (stay in this position for 30 minutes post feeding).
11. Once you've determined the drip rate, connect the adapter to the feeding tube and begin the feed.
12. When the feeding is complete, close the clamp and disconnect from the feeding tube.

*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.*



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*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.*