

BE SAFE

Practice Safe Enteral Feeding



Aseptic Technique

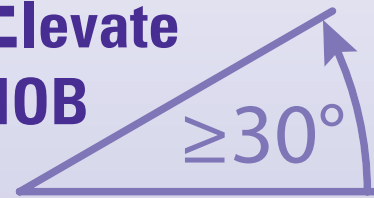
- For preparation and delivery of enteral formula
- Practice good hand washing technique
- Wear gloves when handling feeding tube*
- Avoid touching can tops, container openings, spike and spike port

Label Enteral Equipment



- Patient name and room number
- Formula name and rate
- Date and time of initiation
- Nurse initials

Elevate HOB



- When clinically possible
- May mitigate risk of reflux and aspiration of gastric content

Right Patient Right Formula Right Tube

- Match formula and rate to patient's feeding order
- Verify ENTERAL tubing set connects formula container to feeding tube

Trace All Lines and Tubing Back to Patient



- Avoid misconnections – trace all lines from origin to patient
- Only enteral-to-enteral connections

* Per facility policy and procedure.



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