

ENFit® INFORMATION FOR TUBE PLACEMENT TEAMS

UNDERSTAND WHAT ENFit IS, WHY IT IS BEING USED, AND WHERE TO FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Take the time to speak with your feeding tube placement team. It is important that they are familiar with ENFit, and that they understand how the type of feeding tube that they place impacts the patient's ability to feed and administer medication.

THE QUESTIONS

Ask your feeding tube placement team the following:



Are they aware of ENFit, and understand what it is?

YES

Are they placing ENFit tubes?

NO

Share ENFit information below.

NO

When do they plan on adopting ENFit?

WHY WAS IT CREATED



Most traditional, or legacy, enteral connectors use a universal stepped connector (above) to connect to feeding tubes, which have a funnel style connector. This means there is the possibility for an inadvertent connection between an enteral feeding system and a non-enteral system. **Most traditional enteral connectors use a friction fit to connect.**

The ENFit connector (below) was developed to reduce the likelihood of misconnections and accidental disconnection by creating a unique design that minimizes the potential for connectivity with connectors used in other areas of therapy. **ENFit utilizes a threaded connection to stay together**

Administration Set



Feeding Tube

MORE INFORMATION

Visit the GEDSA (Global Enteral Device Supplier Association) Stay Connected website or contact your tube manufacturer and ask about ENFit.



<http://stayconnected.org/enteral-enfit/>

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS



Standardized Connectors

Standardized connectors across the industry increases familiarity in healthcare settings.



Reduce Misconnections

The unique connector design helps ensure that enteral tubing and syringes are able to connect only to feeding tubes.



Reduce Accidental Disconnection

The locking threads help prevent the connector from accidentally pulling away from the tubing.



Reduce Leaks

The more secure fit of the ENFit connector reduces the potential for leaks at connector sites.

WHY IT MATTERS



If a traditional feeding tube is placed in a patient, but the patient receives ENFit supplies from the homecare company, the patient will not be able to connect to their feeding tube.



If a patient with a traditional feeding tube comes in for replacement and receives an ENFit tube, but they have legacy supplies at home, then the patient may not be able to connect to their feeding tube, until they receive ENFit supplies.

Note: When placing low-profile feeding tubes, the tube will remain the same but the extension set will have an ENFit connector.