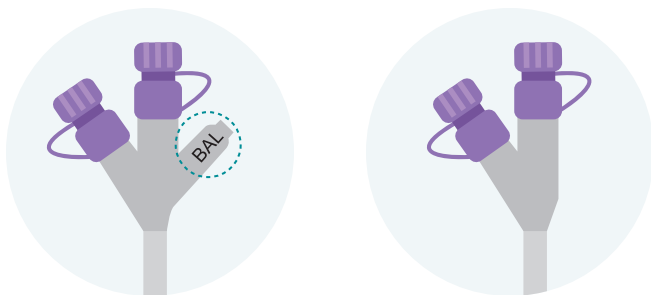


# A COMPARISON OF FEEDING TUBES

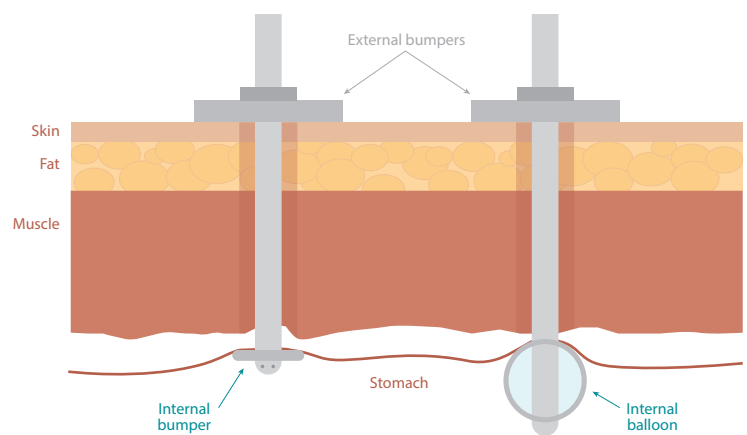
TUBE TYPE	ACCESS POINT	STANDARD-PROFILE TUBES Made of one piece construction with tubing that dangles from the point of entry	LOW-PROFILE TUBES Rests flat on the skin surface. The user connects an extension tubing to the low-profile device during feeding
<p><b>NG / NJ-Tube</b> <b>Nasogastric / Nasojejunal Tube</b></p> <p>Placed in the nose to feed either the stomach or the small intestine.</p>	<p>Access point</p> <p>Distal end of NG-tube</p> <p>Distal end of NJ-tube</p>	<p>French size (tubing diameter)</p> <p>Nasal tubes are available in variety of French sizes and lengths.</p>	<p><b>Not Applicable</b></p>
<p><b>G-Tube</b> <b>Gastrostomy Tube</b></p> <p>Placed through the stomach to feed directly into the stomach.</p>	<p>Gastric access</p>	<p>French size (tubing diameter)</p> <p>French size (tubing diameter)</p> <p>Standard-profile gastrostomy tubes (above left) are available in different French sizes and lengths. <b>PEG tubes</b> (above right) are available in a standard length and are then cut to the desired length.</p>	<p>French size (tubing diameter)</p> <p>Stoma length (in centimeters)</p> <p>Low-profile gastrostomy tubes are available in various French sizes and lengths. Example: <b>14F x 2.3 cm</b></p>
<p><b>GJ-Tube</b> <b>Gastrojejunostomy Tube</b></p> <p>Placed through the stomach to feed either the stomach or the small intestine depending on which port is used.</p>	<p>Gastric access</p> <p>Distal end of feeding tube</p>	<p>French size (tubing diameter)</p> <p>Standard-profile gastrojejunostomy tubes are available in different French sizes and variety of lengths.</p>	<p>French size (tubing diameter)</p> <p>Stoma length (in centimeters)</p> <p>Jejunal length (in centimeters)</p> <p>Low-profile gastrojejunostomy tubes are available in variety French sizes and lengths (stoma and jejunal). Example: <b>16F x 2.5 cm x 43 cm</b></p>
<p><b>J-Tube</b> <b>Gastric Access Jejunostomy Tube</b></p> <p>Placed through the stomach to feed the small intestine.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> J-tubes can be placed with gastric access or direct jejunal access. Only gastric access jejunostomy tubes are shown to the right</p>	<p>Gastric access</p> <p>Jejunal access</p>	<p>French size (tubing diameter)</p> <p>Standard-profile jejunostomy tubes are available in different French sizes with a limited selection of jejunal length.</p>	<p>French size (tubing diameter)</p> <p>Stoma length (in centimeters)</p> <p>Jejunal length (in centimeters)</p> <p>Low-profile jejunostomy tubes differ from low profile GJ-tubes as they have a single port with jejunal access only.</p>

## BALLOON TUBES VS. NON-BALLOON TUBES

To identify a balloon or non-balloon tube from the outside, look for a port labeled with the letters "BAL."



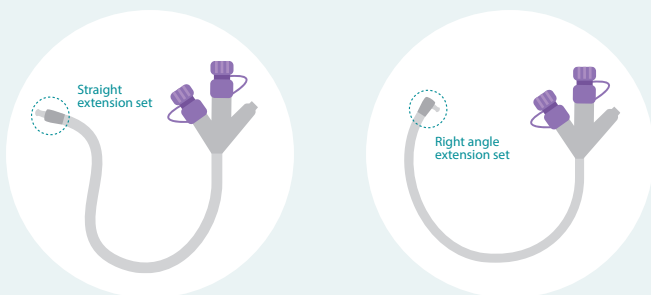
If a balloon port is visible (above left), it is a balloon style tube.



Both non-balloon tubes and balloon tubes have internal mechanisms to prevent the tube from being pulled out: **non-balloon tubes** (above left) use a soft disc or bumper, while **balloon tubes** (above right) use an internal balloon.

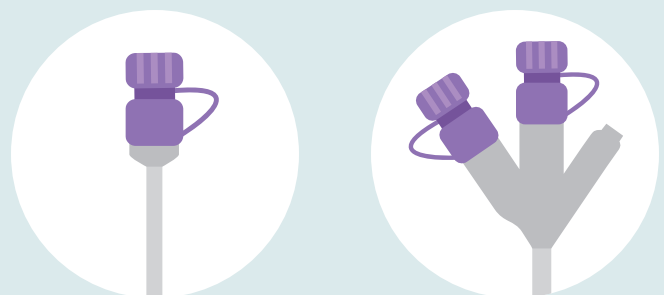
## EXTENSION SETS FOR BUTTONS

Extension sets are available with several options: length (typically 12" or 24") and ports (single vs. dual).



## SINGLE PORT VS. DUAL PORT

Feeding tubes and extension sets are available in single or dual port configurations. GJ tubes are all dual ports with separate gastric access and jejunal access ports.



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## Additional Oley Foundation Resources

- Choosing the right tube: <https://oley.org/page/ChoosingTheRightTube>
- Swimming information <https://oley.org/page/swimlandingpage>
- Tube talk: tips for declogging a tube [https://oley.org/page/Tips\\_for\\_Declogging\\_a\\_Tube](https://oley.org/page/Tips_for_Declogging_a_Tube)