

Changing your Child's Mic-Key Button Gastrostomy Tube (G-tube)

It is important to change your child's Mic-key button every 3 months to make sure it is clean and works right. The first tube change happens at the hospital or your doctor's office. After that, your doctor will teach you how to do it at home.

Here's what to do:

1. Open the new G-tube box and take out the new G-tube button and syringe
2. Fill the syringe with the amount of water your doctor says. Connect the syringe to the new G-tube button and push in the water to inflate the balloon and check for leaks. Then pull back on the syringe to take the water out
3. Put some lubricant (slippery jelly) on the tip of the new G-tube and place it on a gauze
4. Have your child lie on their back
5. Connect an empty syringe to the old G-tube and pull back on the syringe to take out the water from the balloon until it stops
6. Carefully pull out the old button. If stomach liquid comes out, cover the hole with gauze until you put in the new G-tube
7. Put the new G-tube button in by pressing straight down
8. Attach a syringe filled with the amount of water your doctor told you to put in the balloon. Push all the water in and take off the empty syringe
9. Check that the G-tube is in place by pulling up on it gently
10. Put on the extension tube. Then put an empty syringe on the extension tube and pull back until stomach liquid comes into the tube. Push this back in, then clamp the extension tube and take off the syringe
11. Put on a syringe containing 5 mL of water. Push the water into the G-tube to clean it, then clamp the extension tube and take off the syringe

