

Gastric Feeding Tube

- What is the main problem:
 - My baby needs a feeding tube to get medicine, breastmilk or formula.
- What do I need to do:
 - Know why my baby needs a feeding tube.
 - A feeding tube is used to feed a baby when the baby is unable to eat by mouth. Reasons for this include:
 - My baby cannot suck well enough to get enough food to grow.
 - Prematurity.
 - Facial deformities.
 - To avoid nipple confusion.
 - My baby is breathing too fast.
 - The need to remove excess air from stomach.
 - My baby gets too tired to eat as much as he or she needs to grow.
 - Know about the feeding tube.
 - The feeding tube will be placed in either the nose or mouth. The end of the tube will be in my baby's stomach.
 - The tube will be used as long as my baby needs it.
 - The tube must be replaced every 7 days, until it is no longer needed. The tube will be held in place with tape or Tegaderm.
 - My baby will be fed through the tube. The tube placement will be checked each time the tube is used.
 - Swaddling your baby helps to prevent accidental removal.