

## **ENTERAL THERAPY COMPANION PUMP PROCEDURE**

### **GATHER SUPPLIES**

1. IV POLE
2. COMPANION PUMP
3. COMPANION PUMP SET
4. ENTERAL FEEDING
5. 60 ML SYRINGE

### **PROCEDURE**

- A. 1. WASH YOUR HANDS.
  2. MAKE SURE PUMP IS SECURED ON POLE BY CHECKING CLAMP ON PUMP.
  3. TAKE PUMP SET OUT OF WRAPPER.
  4. PLACE FEEDING IN POUCH - MAKE SURE NO FEEDING DRIPS ONTO PUMP. IF THIS OCCURS WIPE PUMP OFF WITH SOFT CLOTH AND MILD DETERGENT. THEN HANG PUMP SET ON POLE.
  5. SQUEEZE DRIP CHAMBER UNTIL 1/3 - 1/2 FULL.
  6. MANUALLY SQUEEZE BELLOWS OF CASSETTE REPEATEDLY UNTIL TUBING IS PRIMED. DO NOT PRIME LAST 4 INCHES OF TUBING.
  7. PLACE CASSETTE IN PUMP - SHOULD HEAR CLICK WHEN SEATED PROPERLY.
  8. TURN CONTROL DIAL ON FRONT OF PUMP TO "SET RATE" AND PROGRAM # CC PER HOUR.
- B. CHECK PLACEMENT/PATENCY OF FEEDING TUBE WITH A SYRINGE AS DIRECTED. CHECK FOR RESIDUAL. OBTAIN PARAMETERS FROM THE PHYSICIAN FOR RESIDUALS OVER SPECIFIED AMOUNT. ROUTINE IRRIGATION SHOULD BE DONE:
    1. BEFORE AND AFTER ANY MEDICATIONS.
    2. BEFORE AND AFTER BOLUS FEEDS
    3. FOR CONTINUOUS INFUSION, EVERY TIME NEW CAN IS ADDED TO PUMP SET BAG OR EVERY 6 HOURS.
- C. STARTING THE FEEDING:
    1. AFTER FLUSHING, CONNECT THE END OF THE TUBING TO FEEDING TUBE.
    2. SECURELY TAPE CONNECTION BETWEEN PUMP AND FEEDING TUBE.
    3. TURN PUMP DIAL TO "RUN".
- D. GENERAL RULES
    1. CHANGE PUMP SETS EVERY 24 HOURS.
    2. DO NOT PLACE MORE THAN 6 - 8 HOURS OF FEEDING IN THE BAG AT ONE TIME.
    3. ADMINISTER TUBE FEEDING AT ROOM TEMPERATURE.
    4. KEEP THE HEAD OF PATIENTS BED ELEVATED AT 30 DEGREES AT ALL TIMES DURING FEEDING.
- E. NOTIFY YOUR NURSE IF:
    1. CANNOT GET PUMP TO OPERATE.
    2. UNABLE TO FLUSH ENTERAL FEEDING TUBE.
    3. PUMP ALARMING.
    4. ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED.

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