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Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## Clearing a Feeding Tube

### Nursing Orders

- *Step 1 Clearing a Feeding Tube with Water*  
*Administer 60mL Warm Water*  
*Gently Push and Pull Plunger to Agitate Tube Contents*  
*Do Not Force Water*  
*Clamp Water in Tube for 20 Minutes*  
*\*\*IF Unable to Unclog, Repeat x1\*\**
  - Clearing a Feeding Tube with Water
- *Step 2 Clearing a Feeding Tube with Medications*  
*Mix Medications together in 30mL Warm Water*  
*Allow to completely dissolve*  
*Administer Contents into Tube*  
*\*\*IF Unable to Unclog, Remove Old Solution and Repeat x1\*\**
  - IF water ineffective, Clear Feeding Tube with Medications:

### Nursing Communication

- Use Sterile Water for Critically Ill and Immune Compromised
- Do Not Use Carbonated Beverages or Juices of any Kind to Clear or Unclog a Feeding Tube

### Notify Provider

- IF Unable to Clear Feeding Tube Occlusion  
*\*\*THEN Notify Provider\*\**

### Medications

- Lipase-Protease-Amylase 12,000 Units Cap [equiv to Creon] Oral 1 capsule orally per feeding tube as needed Clear Feeding Tube for 2 doses -- Label Comments : Crush 650mg Tablet Sodium Bicarbonate into 30mL Water, Empty 1 Capsule Creon-12 into Sodium Bicarb / Water Solution, Mix Well and Dissolve Solution for 20 Minutes, Draw solution into 60mL syringe, Administer contents into the Tube, Milk Tube to get Solution Close to the Occlusion; Clamp Tube for 30 Minutes; Flush Tube with 30-60mL of Water; *\*\*IF Unable to Unclog, Remove Old Solution and Repeat x1\*\**
- Sodium bicarbonate 650 mg orally per feeding tube single dose as needed Clear Feeding Tube for 2 doses -- Label Comments : Crush 650mg Tablet Sodium Bicarbonate into 30mL Water, Empty 1 Capsule Creon-12 into Sodium Bicarb / Water Solution, Mix Well and Dissolve Solution for 20 Minutes, Draw solution into 60mL syringe, Administer contents into the Tube, Milk Tube to get Solution Close to the Occlusion; Clamp Tube for 30 Minutes; Flush Tube with 30-60mL of Water; *\*\*IF Unable to Unclog, Remove Old Solution and Repeat x1\*\**

Provider's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_