

NUTRITION SUPPORT USING ENTERAL FEEDING

Place any related documents/guidelines used in your stroke rehabilitation unit in this section.

Refer to *Module 5: Swallowing, Nutrition and Oral Care* for further information on enteral feeding post-stroke.

Short-Term Nutrition Support

Nasogastric (NG) feeding tubes are used for short-term nutrition support. They allow an immediate route for nutrition, hydration and most medications. Average use is less than four weeks.

Long-Term Nutrition Support

Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG), Gastrostomy (G) and Gastrojejunostomy (GJ) feeding tubes are used for longer term nutrition support (greater than 4-6 weeks).

Evaluation is required to determine the ongoing necessity of enteral feeding; please consult with the *Speech Language Pathologist and Dietitian.*