

# **UVA Nutrition**



## What do you do if your PEG clogs?

**Note**: These instructions are meant only as a general guide. The information found here should not replace any directions or instructions provided by your doctor. If you have questions, please contact your healthcare provider.

### What to do when your PEG is clogged!

- Fill 1 syringe with **warm** water to try and flush PEG
- Gently and firmly push and pull the plunger back and forth
- Do not try to force the water into the PEG
- Clamp the tube for 20 minutes allowing the water to "soak," repeat if necessary
- If this does not unclog your PEG contact your healthcare provider.

#### To avoid clogged PEGs:

- ALWAYS flush the PEG immediately before and after putting any medications into your PEG
  - Speak with your pharmacist prior to putting any medication into your PEG
  - Ask for a copy of "Tips for putting Medications into your PEG"
  - o This can be located at <a href="https://www.ginutrition.virginia.edu">www.ginutrition.virginia.edu</a>
- ALWAYS flush the PEG immediately before and after putting formula into your PEG

# Flushing with 1 syringe of water BEFORE and AFTER administering all approved medications and formula is VERY IMPORTANT

#### For more information see:

- The Oley Foundation Tube Feeding Troubleshooting Guide available at: <a href="https://cdn.ymaws.com/oley.org/resource/resmgr/docs/tf">https://cdn.ymaws.com/oley.org/resource/resmgr/docs/tf</a> troubleshooting quide 19.pdf
- Call your healthcare provider for additional assistance