



# Gastrostomy Tube (G Tube or Button)

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## Giving medicines and feeding if your baby has a gastrostomy tube:

- Clear the G tube or button as your health care provider showed you.
- Check for placement of the G tube or button.
- Slowly push in liquid medicine or feeding with a syringe.
- If the pharmacist says it is ok, pills and capsules may be dissolved in 10 to 20 cc of warm tap water.
- All medicines and feedings should be flushed in with 5 to 10 cc of warm tap water.
- Ask your baby's doctor, nurse, or pharmacist how to measure the tap water.

## It is important to use the specific tube adapter made by the manufacturer of your button.

- In fluid restricted babies flush medicines with ONLY 1 to 5 cc of warm tap water.
- Vent the tube after feeding to remove excess air or fluid and reduce leaking.

## Protecting the G Tube or Button

- Snap t-shirts and onsies work best to prevent babies from pulling on the tube or button.
- You may also use a sticky wrap or stretchy dressing.