



# Pediatric Surgical Associates, Ltd.

Patient and Family Education

## **MIC-KEY® FEEDING TUBE CARE**

### **Feeding Tubes:**

There are only 2 types of feeding tubes that can be used with your child's MIC-KEY® button. DO NOT put anything else into the MIC-KEY® button, including syringes.

1. Continuous Feeding Tubes (90° angle tube): This tube is attached for long periods of time with formula going in slowly. This prevents diarrhea, cramping and bloating. You may use this tubing for bolus feedings if you prefer.
2. Bolus Feeding Tubes: This tube is used for intermittent feedings. The tube is attached for the feedings or medication and then is removed until it is needed again.

### **Care of Feeding Tube During Feedings:**

- Attach the feeding tube to the button and “lock” in place.
- Flush the tube with 3 to 5 mL of warm tap water before and after each feeding.
- Be sure the tube is flushed with warm tap water and is clear of formula before giving any medication through the tube.
- Only formula, breast milk, or medication should be given through the tube (no pureed foods or baby foods).

### **Cleaning the Feeding Tubes:**

1. Rinse the feeding tube well with tap water. Do not use dish soap to clean.
2. Let the feeding tube air dry between feedings.
3. Feeding tubes should be thrown away when they begin to look “cloudy” or become cracked.