

KEEP FEEDING TUBES CLEAR

Protect vulnerable enteral nutrition (EN) patients during a pandemic.

USE THE TUBECLEAR SYSTEM PROACTIVELY



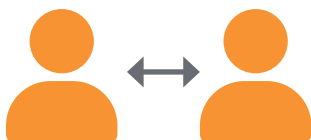
Fight Malnutrition and Dehydration

Older adults are more likely to experience malnutrition¹ - the same patient population facing increased risk for Coronavirus (COVID-19) related complications.² Water is normally lost in urine, stool, through our skin, and respiratory tract.³ Malnutrition is associated with higher mortality rates and longer hospital stays.¹ Using the TubeClear system proactively can help maintain feeding tube flow,⁴ ensuring EN patients receive the nutrition, medication, and hydration they need to fight infection and stay healthy.



Save Clinician Time

During the Coronavirus pandemic, clinicians serve on the front lines to identify and treat patients infected with COVID-19. Minimizing time spent on hardware issues such as clogged feeding tubes⁵ allows them to focus on patient care. Using the TubeClear system proactively may prevent clogging,⁴ saving valuable clinician time.



Promote Social Distancing

Preventing the spread of Coronavirus helps keep hospitals from becoming overwhelmed.⁶ The TubeClear system works at bedside, reducing the need to transport EN patients to the emergency department. With emergency room doctors contracting COVID-19,⁷ keeping EN patients in place reduces the spread of infection - potentially saving hospital beds by reducing readmissions due to clogged feeding tubes, a preventable complication.

Please review the Operator's Manual for full indications, contraindications, warnings, and cautions.

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