

Sometimes it may be necessary to maintain nutrition using other methods than eating. Enteral nutrition may be used as a way to provide food/nutrition through a tube placed either in the nose, the stomach, or the small intestines. This procedure is used when the gut is still partially working but the patient cannot swallow or absorb enough nutrients to maintain their health.

What Life Support Systems provides is called a gastrostomy or percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) or as we call it, a "G-Button" which is a tube that is inserted into the stomach. It has a small balloon that is inflated with water that holds it into place and keeps it from popping out. The part that is on the outside of the stomach, against the skin looks like a little white button with a rubber plug that keeps it from leaking or any foreign items from getting inside the stomach.

We provide the supplies needed for feeding - Bags, Extension Sets, and Syringes (for Bolus Feeding). We also carry a variety of formulas that we use for pediatric and adult patients. Most all of our Enteral patients have a trach, Vent or both and our Respiratory Therapists (RT's) visit these patients on a monthly schedule.