

G-Tubes on the Bus

A **gastrostomy** is a surgical opening into the stomach. A rubber tube is inserted into the surgical opening. It is held in place on the inside of the abdomen with a fluid filled balloon, and on the outside with a rubber disk. The tube is clamped/capped between feedings.

Prevention: Be aware of button and/or tubing and use caution not to pull on button or tubing.

ACTION: G-tube falls out or is pulled out.

1. Find button and wrap in tissue/paper towel. Give to parent or nurse at school.
2. Cover the site with a dry dressing or bandage.
3. Call Dispatch and Notify parents or school nurse immediately.
4. **DO NOT attempt to reinsert the tube yourself!**
5. Continue on to school or home or as directed by Dispatch.

Be Aware:

1. The surgical opening can close quickly.
2. The G-tube must be reinserted before it closes.
 - a. Most G-tubes must be reinserted within **30 minutes**.
4. If unable to reach parents/emergency contacts or school nurse within **30 minutes**, **Call 911!**



Mickey Button



Ponsky non-balloon tube



Bard Button