

## PATIENT INFORMATION

# Cut and Push Method of PEG Removal/Replacement

**Important signs to observe for following PEG Removal****Bowel blockage:**

- Swelling of abdomen
- Abdominal pain
- Vomiting
- Raised temperature
- Bowels not opening

If any of these symptoms occur, you need to contact the Nutrition Nurse Specialist (9am-5pm weekdays). If it happens out of normal working hours, contact 111 or go to the A + E Department as soon as possible. Such symptoms may reflect the rare event of bowel obstruction caused by the pushed tube blocking your intestines.

If your PEG tube has been removed and **not** replaced with another device, you may

- Experience a small amount of leakage. The hole in the stomach wall usually heals within 24 hours and the hole in the skin within a few days. You will be given dressings to use for the first few days.
- Shower 24 hours after the PEG tube has been removed, or
- Bath after 48 hours, and
- Recommence your usual fluid and diet **after 2 hours**.

If your PEG tube **has been replaced** with a new device, you may

- Shower or bath when you wish, and
- You can resume your normal fluid and diet or feed as soon as you wish.

Follow up will be provided by telephone from a Nutrition Nurse Specialist the next day and a week later.

For further information please contact the Nutrition Nurse Specialists  
Office telephone number 01803 654951 or Hospital Switchboard 01803 614567 bleep #6774

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