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MIC-KEY* BUTTON

Information chart
for patients, parents
and caregivers



WHY Δ MIC-KEY* G-TUBE?

What is a MIC-KEY* G-tube?

A MIC-KEY* G-tube is a silicone balloon feeding tube for the administration of feeds, liquid and/or medications into the stomach. The tube has an external low profile and is kept in its position by an internal balloon that is insufflated with sterile water.

Only when feeding or the administration of medication is required, a MIC-KEY* Extension Set will be connected to the tube.

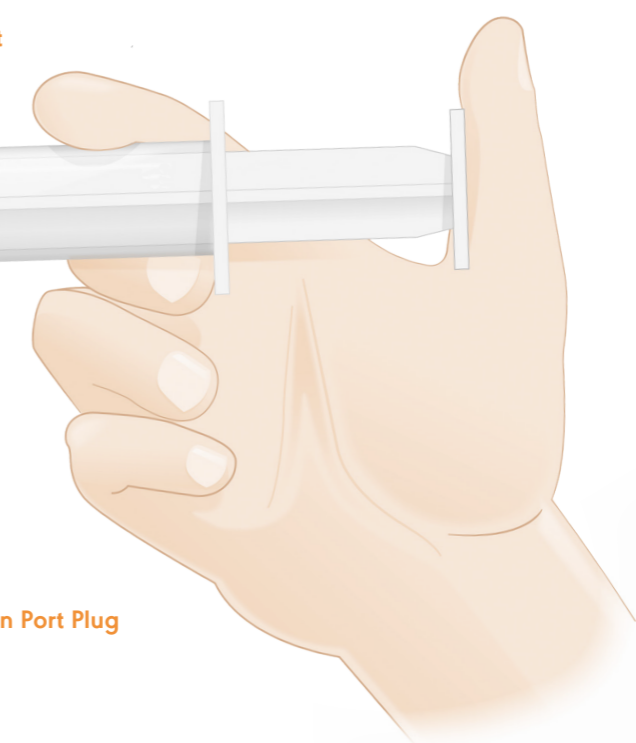


Quick Release Clamp

The MIC-KEY* Extension Set

Feeding/Medication Port

Feeding/Medication Port Plug



EVERYTHING AT A GLANCE!

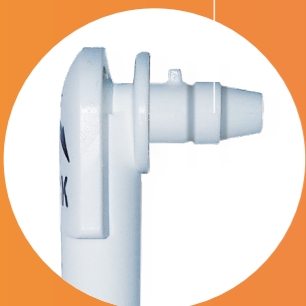
Advantages of a MIC-KEY* G-tube

- Sits at skin level
- Stoma Measuring Device allows precise measurement of the fistel length resulting in a secure fit
- Built-in anti-reflux valve prevents accidental backflow
- MIC-KEY* Extension Set only attached during feeding; offers discretion
- Comprehensive range of MIC-KEY* Extension Sets offering flexibility

Disadvantages of a PEG-tube or a standard balloon feeding tube

- Longer tube may limit mobility; increased risk of accidental tube removal
- Difficult to conceal; often secured with unappealing medical tape
- Outline may be visible under clothes
- Risk of accidental tube feed spills
- The weight of the tube results in a higher tension on the stoma site and potential discomfort.

SECUR-LOK*
with Safety Ring



Can I use other branded extension sets on the MIC-KEY* G-tube?

MIC-KEY* Extension Sets have been specifically designed to fit into the MIC-KEY* feeding port. Compatibility testing was only performed on our own MIC-KEY* Extension Sets and we therefore cannot confirm that other extension sets are compatible. Avanos cannot guarantee the effectiveness or safety of other extension sets available on the market, used in combination with our MIC-KEY* G-tube.



Will I be educated on the care of the MIC-KEY* G-tube?

Yes, your nurse will show you how to care for the MIC-KEY* G-tube. Prior to discharge from the hospital you will be taught how to:

- Securely connect and disconnect an extension set and feeding set,
- Administer feeding and medication,
- Care for the stoma,
- Flush the tube following a feed or administration of medications,
- Check the balloon content.

Your nurse will also arrange an education session for you with the Dietitian or Healthcare Professional before going home so you can learn how to care for the MIC-KEY* G-tube.



When can I return to normal activities after getting the MIC-KEY* G-tube inserted as initial tube?

- You can return to normal activities after discharge.
- Once the stoma tract is healed, the 3 white bumpers are no longer present and with approval from your doctor or specialist nurse, bathing is allowed. Use soap for sensitive skin in the bathwater.
- Once the stoma tract is healed, swimming will be allowed; however, the stoma must not be infected, excoriated or sore. The stoma site and surrounding area must always be cleaned with water after swimming to prevent any irritation from chlorine or seawater.



Where will the first MIC-KEY* G-tube be placed?

Either you already have an earlier placed PEG tube that will be removed and replaced by a MIC-KEY* G-tube or the MIC-KEY* G-tube can be inserted as an initial tube. Both interventions are done in an endoscopic setting under mild sedation, usually performed as a Day Case (may not require an overnight stay).



How often should the tube be changed?

We recommend changing the tube every 3 months to maintain best results, hygiene and stoma health. This tube is designed to function properly for 3 months of normal use.



Who changes the MIC-KEY* G-tube afterwards?

Routine MIC-KEY* G-tubes changes are usually performed by your home care nurse or in the hospital. Or alternatively, under certain circumstances, with proper training from your medical professional, you may change the tube yourself.

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If I do not want to learn how to change the MIC-KEY* G-tube, who will do it?

You are not required to learn to change the MIC-KEY* G-tube if you do not wish to. The tube can as well be changed by your home care nurse or in the hospital.



What do I do if the MIC-KEY* G-tube gets accidentally dislodged?

A new MIC-KEY* G-tube must be inserted quickly to prevent closure of the stoma tract. Do not insufflate the balloon but tape it on the skin. Do not use the tube. Alert your nurse practitioner or medical doctor.



How often does the Extension Set need to be replaced?

For functionality and hygienic reasons extension sets should be replaced at least every two weeks.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The above-mentioned guidelines are only recommendations for an appropriate care of the tube. These should only be followed when no instructions are available from the placing doctor or the local hospital. The Avanos guidelines can under no circumstances overrule the local medical or nursing guidelines. The end responsibility for the treatment should remain with the placing doctor. There are inherent risks in all medical devices. Please refer to the product labeling for Indications, Cautions, Warnings and Contraindications.



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