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PREPARING FOR ENTERAL FEEDING DEVICE & ACCESSORIES TRANSITION

ISO-80369 is an international standard that specifies general requirements for small-bore connectors, which convey liquids or gases in healthcare applications, with the objective of reducing misconnections. This standard has multiple segments aligned with specific areas of clinical practice, one of which is enteral feeding (ISO-80369-3).

Recently GEDSA, Global Enteral Device Suppliers Association, announced its plans to begin to phase out production of its legacy (non-ENFit) enteral feeding devices and accessories beginning **July 1, 2021**. Going forward, manufacturing efforts will be dedicated to producing the ISO-80369-3 compliant design, commonly known as ENFit. While the ENFit design may not be the only ISO-compliant design available, the GEDSA membership represents a large number of the enteral feeding suppliers in the market who share this ENFit design.

PREPARING TO TRANSITION

KNOW YOUR PRODUCTS:

Inventory and identify the enteral feeding devices and accessories currently in stock in your facility and where they are located. Understand current supplier(s) portfolio and availability of ISO-compliant products.

UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR CHANGE:

Patient safety is paramount. Incidents of small-bore tubing misconnections – i.e., oxygen connected to an IV, can result in significant patient harm, even death. Utilizing the appropriate ISO-compliant devices enhances patient safety. The ENFit design is compatible ONLY with other ENFit devices and accessories, significantly mitigating patient risk and increasing patient safety.

ESTABLISH A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TASK FORCE:

Increasing awareness and education is critical for staff and patients utilizing enteral feeding devices and accessories—from the ED and admission through and including discharge planning.

Preparing for a transition will need to include plans for effective communication, enhanced patient/staff education and the identification of potential challenges (supply logistics, product cross-references, survey activity, etc.). Colleagues to consider for this task force include ***supply chain, service line leaders, pharmacy, radiology, physician champion, quality/risk management, clinical education, discharge planners/care management and others*** based on your facility practices and protocols.

ENGAGE SUPPLIER REPS:

Supplier representatives will serve as critical partners in preparing and planning for your transition—from device cross-reference and availability to patient/staff education.

References/ Resources:

- HealthTrust webinar - Reducing the Risk of Medical Device Misconnections (ISO-80369)
- GEDSA
  - ENFit Connector Conversion Schedule
  - ENFit Connector Design Diagram
  - Tools for Adopting ENFit
- CMS
- FDA
- TJC (The Joint Commission)
- ISMP (Institute for Safe Medication Practices)