

Central Venous Port

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Because the esophagus and stomach are so important in digestion, cancers of the esophagus or stomach can make it difficult to get the nutrients you need.

A feeding tube can help nutrition in these cases.

In this video you'll learn about one type of feeding tube, the feeding jejunostomy.

If you haven't already, take a look at our video on nutrition

There are two categories of feeding tubes:

- Gastrostomy tubes are placed in the stomach
- Jejunostomy tubes are placed into the jejunum, the first portion of the small bowel

This video focuses on administration of medicines through the feeding tube

Patients that can't take medicines by mouth will need to have those medicines give through the feeding tube.

Some medicine are available as a liquid and can be administered via feeding tube