

Central Venous Port

1 Introduction. 1

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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.

2 Types of Feeding Tubes. L 4

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 jejunostomy tubes. Gastrostomy tubes are the focus of another video.

3 Anatomy

Food travels from the esophagus to the stomach, and then into the duodenum, and then into the first part of the small intestine called the jejunum.

4 Anatomy II

The stomach serves as a reservoir for food, and begins the process of digestion. The stomach then pushes food through the pylorus muscle into the duodenum. The stomach releases only a small quantity of food at a time because the small intestine can become easily overwhelmed by too much food at one time.

5 Jejunostomy

Because the small bowel can only handle a small amount of food at a time, it is necessary to use a pump to administer jejunostomy feedings over a long period of time, typically 12 to 16 hours.

A jejunostomy tube has a portion on the inside located inside the small bowel, and a portion outside which is connected to a feeding tube pump.

6 Jejunostomy 5 cartons

An 8oz carton of a “1.5” feeding tube formula contains 360 calories and 15 grams of protein.

An average-sized man who gets all of his nutrition from the feeding tube needs about 5 cartons per day, which would give 75 grams of protein daily.

Five cartons of tube feeds is 1200mL per day. This can be given over a 16 hour period at a rate of 75mL/hour.

7 Jejunostomy 4 cartons

An average-sized woman or smaller man who gets all of their nutrition from the feeding tube needs about 4 cartons per day, which would give 60 grams of protein daily.

Four cartons of tube feeds is 960mL per day. This can be given over a 16 hour period at a rate of 60mL/hour.

8 Water

In addition to tube feed formula

Feedings are typically

- Jejunostomy tube feeds for 16 hours (6pm-10am)
 - Men: 75mL/hour x 16 hours = 5 cartons
 - Women: 60mL/hour x 16 hours = 4 cartons
- Water 240ml (8oz) via syringe 4x/day

Hospital nurses will teach use of the feeding tube

9 Jejunostomy Feeds with Diabetes

Jejunostomy feedings elevate blood sugars

- Insulin may be required along with feeds

Typical Pattern for tube feeds

- Feeds run via pump from 6pm to 10am
- Insulin at 6pm (70/30 insulin)
- Insulin at Midnight (70/30 insulin)
- No insulin if tube feedings are not run

10 Jejunostomy Video

A video is available to help become familiar with the feeding jejunostomy



11 Outro *1*

We hope you have found this video helpful.