

**Division of Developmental Disabilities Services
Competency Evaluation Tool
General Knowledge of Enteral Tubes**

DATE:	STAFF NAME:
SERVICE RECIPIENT:	OBSERVER:

	YES	NO	COMMENTS
1. Know that only nurses (RN and/or LPN) and SLMA trained Shared Living Provider staff, who have successfully completed specialized enteral tube medication administration training may administer medications through an enteral tube.			
2. Knows that competency evaluations will need to be completed annually for Shared Living staff person who has successfully completed specialized training in enteral tube medication administration.			
3. Knows that SLMA policy must be followed when administering medications via enteral tube.			
4. Knows what gastrostomy and jejunostomy tubes are and why this service recipient has one.			
5. Knows a brand of formula must never be changed without a healthcare provider's order.			
6. Is aware that there are 3 different methods of tube feedings. (Bolus, Continuous, and Intermittent)			
7. Knows that a method of tube feeding, rate, time, and amount cannot be changed without a healthcare provider's order.			
8. Knows why water flushes are needed.			
9. Knows that good hand hygiene and cleanliness of the enteral tube equipment is essential in safe administration of tube feedings, hydration, and medications.			
10. Knows the importance of proper positioning of the individual during and after feedings, hydration, and medication administration.			

	YES	NO	COMMENTS
11. Knowledgeable of procedure to follow if enteral tube becomes dislodged or appears to have moved.			
12. Knows the importance of preventing the tube from being pulled.			
13. Knowledgeable of procedure to follow if a service recipient vomits while feeding is being administered and is able to identify some causes of vomiting.			
14. Knowledgeable of procedure to follow if a service recipient has difficulty breathing.			
15. Knowledgeable of procedure to follow if a service recipient has diarrhea and is able to identify some causes of diarrhea.			
16. Knowledgeable of procedure to follow if redness, swelling, and/or drainage noted at the stoma site.			
17. Knowledgeable of how to operate the feeding pump. Including what to do if pump indicates the tube is blocked or there is an occlusion.			

Based on this Competency Evaluation Tool, I _____ have
(Name of RN)

determined that _____ has the general knowledge of
(Name of Unlicensed Assistive Personnel)

enteral feeding tubes: _____.
(Name of Service Recipient)

_____ *Signature of RN* _____ *Date*

_____ *Signature of Unlicensed Assistive Personnel* _____ *Date*