

**Division of Developmental Disabilities Services
Competency Evaluation Tool
Enteral Tube Water Flushes/Hydration**

DATE:	STAFF NAME:
SERVICE RECIPIENT:	OBSERVER:

	YES	NO	COMMENTS
1. Checks MAR and/or physician's order.			
2. Completes hand hygiene.			
3. Gathers/assembles necessary equipment.			
4. Explains procedure to the service recipient.			
5. Positions service recipient in correct position.			
6. Protects clothing with a barrier.			
7. Applies non-sterile gloves.			
8. Clamps/Pinches enteral tube before opening enteral tube port.			
9. Places plug appropriately to avoid contamination. (as applicable)			
10 While enteral tube is still clamped, places tip of 60cc syringe into end of enteral tube.			
11. Verifies proper placement of the <i>gastrostomy</i> tube as instructed by the HCP if part of the service recipient's protocol.			
12. Checks gastric residual if indicated.			
13. Pours prescribed amount of water into syringe and allows to flow into tube.			
14. Clamps/pinches tube after administration of water to prevent air from entering tube.			
15. Removes syringe and closes port of feeding tube.			
16. Ensures tube is secured under clothing.			
17. Removes gloves and dispose of properly.			
18. Completes hand hygiene.			
19. Accurately documents that flush/hydration has been given.			

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

determined that _____ is competent to administer water
(Name of Unlicensed Assistive Personnel)

flushes/hydration via Enteral tube to : _____.
(Name of Service Recipient)

Signature of RN

Date

Signature of Unlicensed Assistive Personnel

Date