Enfit - Enteral feeding equipment

Enfit is the new design for all connectors on enteral feeding equipment, which includes nasogastric, PEG, jejunostomy and gastrostomy tubes, buttons and all other enteral feeding tubes, syringes and giving sets. ‘Enteral’ in this case refers to ‘non-oral’. Enfit is the global enteral feeding device connector design that complies with the new International Standard (ISO 80369-3).

The Enfit connectors are being introduced to prevent any other equipment being attached to enteral feeding equipment and vice versa, for example IV syringes and giving sets. This is part of an international drive to improve patient safety for those who receive enteral nutrition.

All stock across sites will be changed over to the Enfit compatible equipment during the week commencing 27th February, guidance and a troubleshooting poster will be displayed in all ward areas. Patients who require enteral feeding in the community will also receive the new equipment. All old stock will be removed during the changeover process, therefore after 3rd March, all equipment will be compatible.

When prescribing, please ensure the route of administration for any liquid medicines (e.g. NG/PEG) is clearly stated, as Enfit compatible medicine syringes will be required for those patients requiring enteral feeding.

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