

# Tube Feeding Considerations for Essential Care Jr. & EquaCare Jr.

**Essential Care Jr.** and **EquaCare Jr.** can be given by mouth or through a feeding tube. Due to the unique properties of **Essential Care Jr.** and **EquaCare Jr.**, there are some special considerations related to using these formulas for tube feeding.

**For best results, please review the following considerations for tube feeding:**

- **Feeding Method:** Both formulas may be given with bolus feeding or continuous feeding.
- **Size of Tube:** A 6 French or larger tube may be used. Smaller-bore feeding tubes may result in clogging or errors.
- **Feeding Pump:** Recommend Moog Enteralite Infinity Pump. Use of other enteral feeding pumps may result in errors that shut down the pump and are therefore not recommended.
- **Flushing:** Follow your healthcare provider's recommendations as this is individualized based on patient needs.
- **Mixing Instructions:**
  - Measure required amount of water into clean, container with lid.
  - Add prescribed amount of formula to container. Scoops should be level and unpacked.
  - Cover container with lid and shake well until powder is fully dissolved.
  - Shaking well is an important step to dissolving and mixing formula properly. Make sure to shake well prior to administering via feeding tube.
    - When making large batches, it is helpful to divide into smaller containers for storage, making sure to shake well again immediately prior to administration.
- **Storage:** Prepared formula can be kept for up to 24 hours when refrigerated. Consult healthcare provider for mixing instructions for larger volumes.

While these are general recommendations, it is important to follow your healthcare provider's instructions regarding safe preparation and storage, proper formula administration, and water flushes.

**Please contact us if you have any questions about using these formulas for tube feeds. Call 833-377-2773 or email our registered dietitians: [nutritionsupport@cambrooke.com](mailto:nutritionsupport@cambrooke.com)**

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