Get ready for the new ENFit® connector

Transition Checklist for Home Care Providers

New design standards for medical device tubing connectors are now in place. Starting with enteral feeding and the new ENFit connector, distinct standards for clinical applications will help ensure that connectors do not fit into ports other than the type for which they are intended, reducing the incidence of misconnections.

Every organization has a different process for implementing change, but all require a well-informed, properly prepared cross-functional team. Use the following STEPS as a discussion guide for your transition team.

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<td>Learn how the new connectors will work and differ from current system</td>
<td>Select a care team to train staff and patients/caregivers</td>
<td>Plan educational opportunities as appropriate for all patients/caregivers on topics such as:</td>
<td>Organizations of all sizes should strongly consider assembling a multidisciplinary transition team to evaluate current procedures and protocols</td>
<td>Reduce excess inventory levels of enteral feeding devices with current connectors (this includes feeding/administration sets, syringes, and feeding tubes)</td>
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<td>Familiarize yourself with all the product-specific changes and stock all new products including feeding sets, enteral-specific syringes, and feeding tubes</td>
<td>Identify a timeline and vehicles for communication</td>
<td>Administering enteral formula</td>
<td>Allow products with the new ENFit Transition Connectors and final ENFit feeding tubes to flow through according to customer demand</td>
<td>Avoid overstocking any enteral feeding products</td>
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<td>Understand anticipated timing of the transition</td>
<td>Communicate importance of connector changes to enhance patient safety</td>
<td>Flushing the tube and checking residuals as appropriate</td>
<td>Transition teams should fine-tune procedures and protocols to include the new ENFit connectors</td>
<td>Create space in warehouse to accommodate various necessary items as indicated by your suppliers</td>
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<td>Distribute patient/caregiver checklist</td>
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<td>Encourage patients/caregivers to use up entire inventory of current products first, then transition to new ENFit transition sets</td>
<td>Reinforce locking feature and safety benefits of the new ENFit connector</td>
<td>Providing additional hydration</td>
<td>Visit StayConnected.org for connector transition information</td>
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This is not intended to be a complete list, but use the STEPS below to get started:
ENFit Enteral System Connector Changes

The new design standard impacts the entire enteral feeding system

SYRINGE (Current)
Syringes to administer medicine, flush, hydrate, or bolus feed through enteral tubes will now require a precise enteral-specific fitment.

FEEDING TUBE (Current)

TRANSITION SET (Temporary)
Allows fitment to current feeding port until new ENFit enteral feeding tubes are available.

SYRINGE (Standard Tip)

SYRINGE (Low Dose Tip)
To ensure small volume dosing accuracy, syringe sizes of 5mL or smaller may require an ENFit Low Dose Tip.

New ENFit female connector
ENFit Transition Connector

FEEDING TUBE (Final)
Changing from male—the stepped or Christmas tree connector—to the new ENFit female connector. The feeding tube port for the administration set will change from female to male.

Note: Speak to your supplier representatives for availability, timing and indications for use of ENFit administration sets, syringes and feeding tubes.