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 risk 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.

This is not intended to be a complete list, but use the STEPS below to get started:

S — Supplier communication

- ☐ Learn how the new connectors will work and differ from current system
- ☐ Familiarize yourself with all the product-specific changes and stock all new products including feeding sets, enteral-specific syringes, and feeding tubes
- ☐ Understand anticipated timing of the transition

T — Training

- ☐ Select a care team to train staff and patients/caregivers
- ☐ Identify a timeline and vehicles for communication
- ☐ Communicate importance of connector changes to enhance patient safety
- ☐ Distribute patient/caregiver checklist
- ☐ Encourage patients/caregivers to use up entire inventory of current products first, then transition to new ENFit transition sets
- ☐ Reinforce locking feature and safety benefits of the new ENFit connector

E — Education

- ☐ Plan educational opportunities as appropriate for all patients/caregivers on topics such as:
  - ☐ Administering enteral formula
  - ☐ Flushing the tube and checking residuals as appropriate
  - ☐ Drawing up and administering medications if prescribed
  - ☐ Providing additional hydration
- ☐ Visit StayConnected.org for connector transition information
- ☐ Encourage patients to ask questions. Direct any product-specific questions or complaints to the manufacturer/supplier
- ☐ Direct procedural questions to a multidisciplinary transition team
- ☐ Explain how new feeding sets will change and demonstrate how they will connect

P — Process

- ☐ Organizations of all sizes should strongly consider assembling a multidisciplinary transition team to evaluate current procedures and protocols
- ☐ Transition teams should fine-tune procedures and protocols to include the new ENFit connectors

S — Supply management

- ☐ Reduce excess inventory levels of enteral feeding devices with current connectors (this includes feeding/administration sets, syringes, and feeding tubes)
- ☐ Allow products with the new ENFit Transition Connectors and final ENFit feeding tubes to flow through according to customer demand
- ☐ Avoid overstocking any enteral feeding products
- ☐ Create space in warehouse to accommodate various necessary items as indicated by your suppliers

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ENFit Enteral System Connector Changes

The new design standard impacts the entire enteral feeding system

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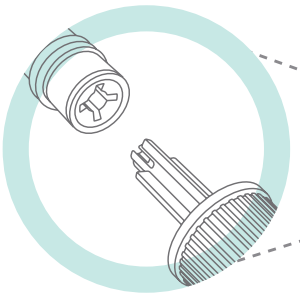

CONNECTOR (FINAL)
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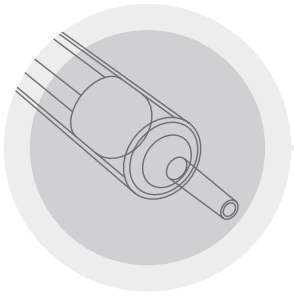
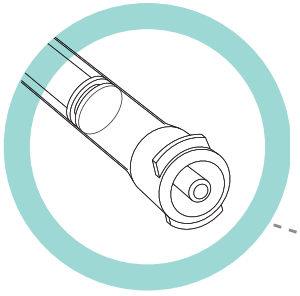
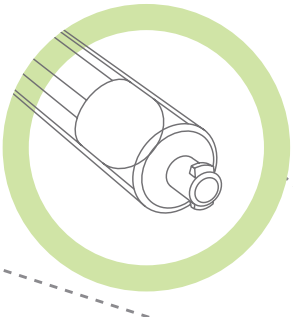
PATIENT-ACCESS END



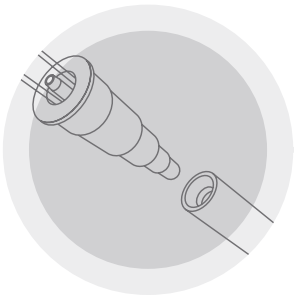
SYRINGE (CURRENT)



SYRINGE (Low Dose Tip)
GEDSA recommends the use of an ENFit Low Dose Tip on syringe sizes under 5mL or less to deliver small doses of medication



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



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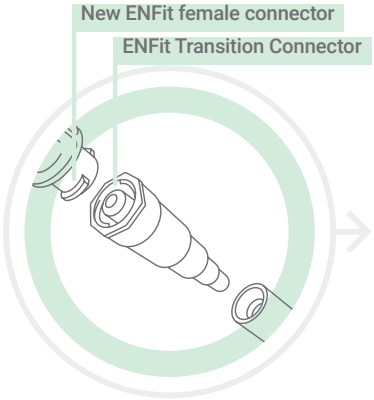
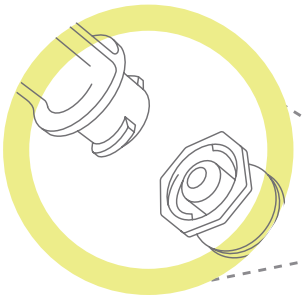


TRANSITION SET (TEMPORARY)
Allows fitment to current feeding port until new ENFit enteral feeding tubes are available.



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.

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