Get ready for the new ENFit® connector

Transition Checklist for Pharmacies

New design standards for medical device tubing connectors are now in place. Starting with enteral feeding and the new ENFit connector ISO 80369-3, application-specific standards 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.

Pharmacies play a crucial role in this transition. You will put the new products into clinicians', patients', and caregivers' hands, so your knowledge and preparedness is key. This is not intended to be a complete list, but use the STEPS below to get started:

S — Supplier communication

- ☐ Familiarize yourself with all the product-specific changes
- ☐ Practice new connections with all products including feeding sets, enteral-specific syringes, feeding tubes
- ☐ Understand anticipated timing of the transition

T — Training

- ☐ Train all pharmacy staff on new processes
- ☐ Communicate importance of connector changes to enhance patient safety
- ☐ Explain and demonstrate how new feeding sets will change
- ☐ Identify a super user for filling prescriptions for medications to be given via feeding tube on each shift and seek hands-on training opportunities

E — Education

- ☐ Direct product-specific questions to the manufacturer/supplier
- ☐ Direct procedural questions to a multidisciplinary transition team

P — Process

- ☐ Assemble a multidisciplinary transition team to review procedures and protocols to include new ENFit connectors
- ☐ Assess and update medication preparation and delivery protocols and processes to incorporate new enteral syringes
- ☐ Develop communication mechanisms between prescribers, nursing and pharmacy to identify patients who need medications through a feeding tube
- ☐ Inform prescribers and nursing staff that medication orders must specify route—enteral (tube) or oral (mouth), and not say "PO" for both. Until ENFit connectors are fully transitioned, the order must also indicate which connection the patient is using

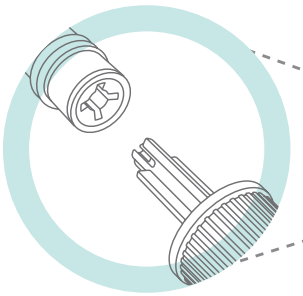
S — Supply management

- ☐ Assess storage space and work flow for enteral-specific syringe line
- ☐ Determine need for both oral/catheter tip and enteral-tip syringes, which may be adequate for most oral use, except neonatal or some pediatric use
- ☐ Reduce excess inventory levels of oral/catheter tip syringes
- ☐ Determine supply levels and sizes of syringes with new ENFit connector and order once available
- ☐ Delineate between oral/catheter tip and enteral-tip syringes in storage to help ensure proper deployment and use

Enteral System Connector Changes

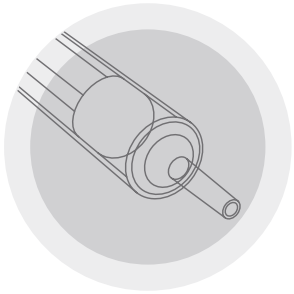
The new design standard impacts the entire enteral feeding system

NUTRITION END

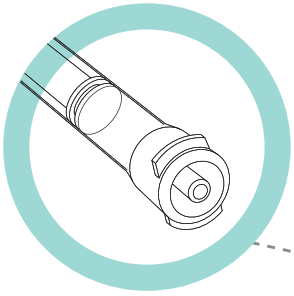


CONNECTOR (FINAL)
[In place since 2012]

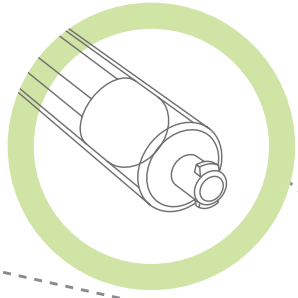
PATIENT-ACCESS END



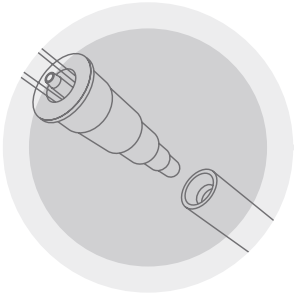
SYRINGE (CURRENT)



SYRINGE (Low Dose Tip)
GEDSA recommends the use of an ENFit Low Dose Tip on syringes 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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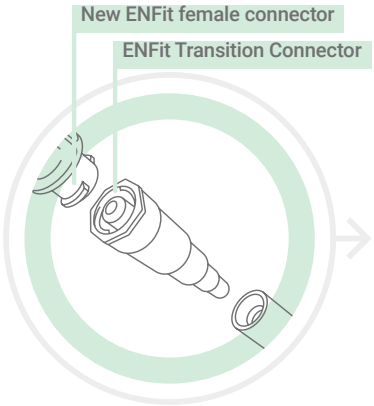
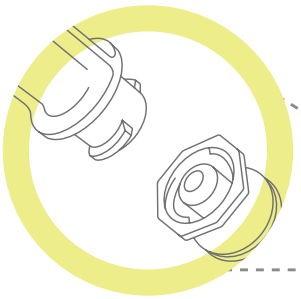


TRANSITION SET
(TEMPORARY)
Allows fitment to current feeding port until new ENFit enteral feeding tubes are available.



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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