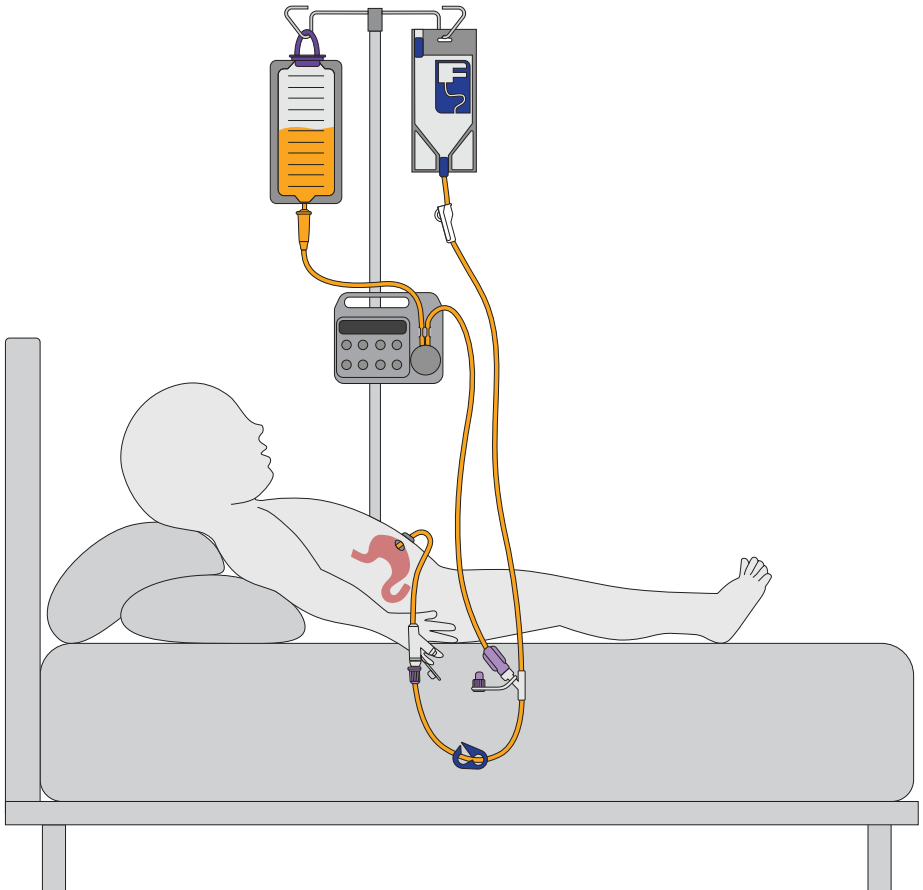


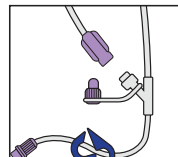
## How to Use Patient Guide for the FARRELL\* Valve System

Have Confidence Relieving Gastric Pressure During Feedings



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## **Product Description**

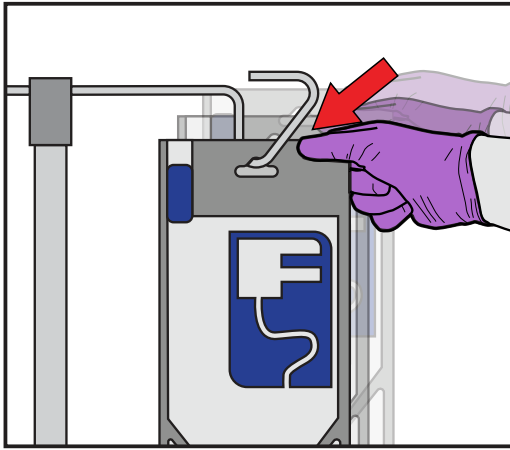
The FARRELL\* Valve System is a closed enteral decompression system intended to allow excess gas to be removed from your stomach (gastric distention/bloating) and to prevent the loss of formula/nutrition, medication, and stomach contents. While venting, any formula/nutrition that goes into the FARRELL\* bag and tubing must be gravity fed back into the patient. The white roller clamp helps control the speed at which the formula/nutrition is fed into the patient. The FARRELL\* Valve System is for use with neonates, pediatric, and adult patients.

## **Video Information**

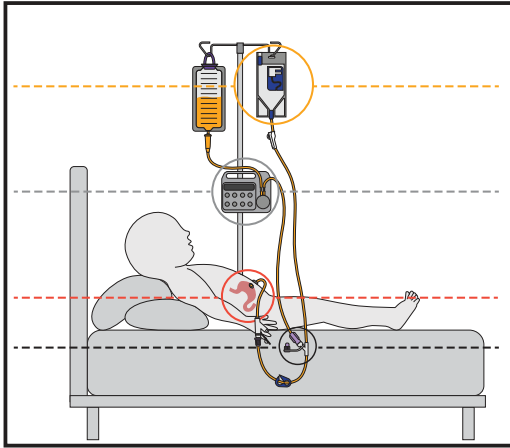
There is a video on how to set-up and use the FARRELL\* VALVE SYSTEM on our enteral feeding website. Please contact Customer Service at [CustomerService.ANZ@avanos.com](mailto:CustomerService.ANZ@avanos.com)

## **Caution**

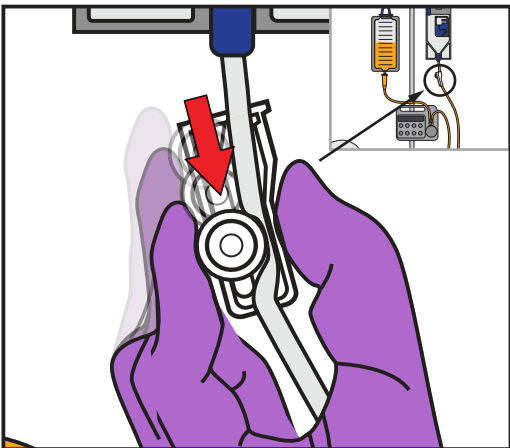
*There are inherent risks in all medical devices. Please refer to the product labeling for Indications, Cautions, Warnings and Contraindications.*



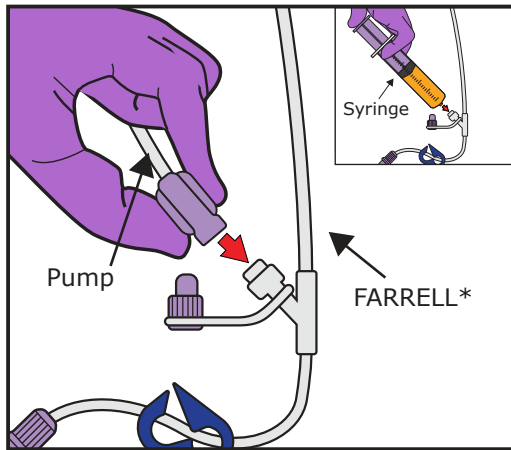
1. Start by hanging the FARRELL\* bag.



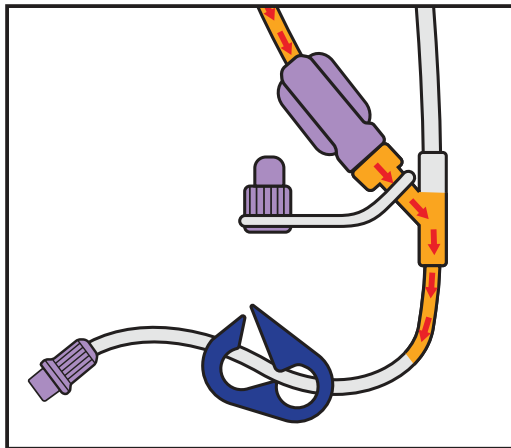
2. Ensure the FARRELL\* bag is above the pump, the pump is above the patient's stomach, and the patient's stomach is above the FARRELL\* Y-port.



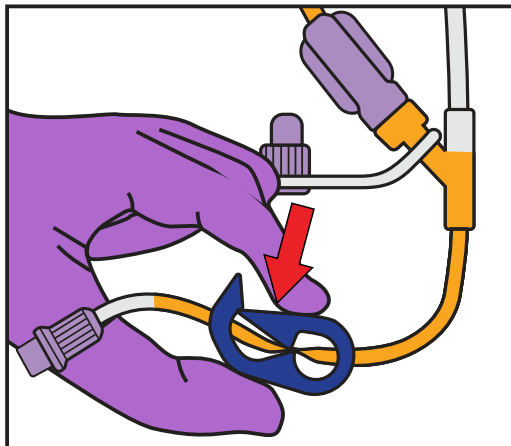
3. Close the white roller clamp on the FARRELL\* tubing.



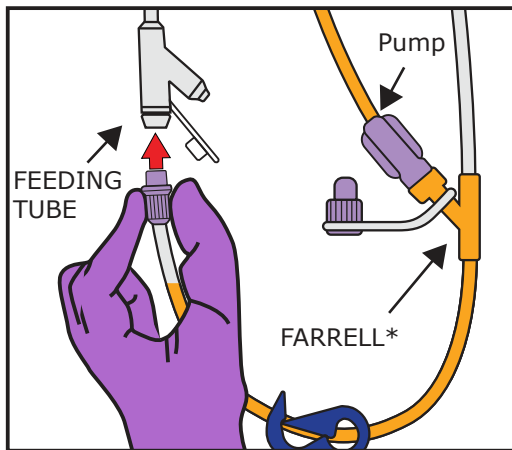
4. Connect the pump or syringe to the Y-port on the FARRELL\* and start feeding.



5. The formula/nutrition should move down the FARRELL\* tubing toward the open end.

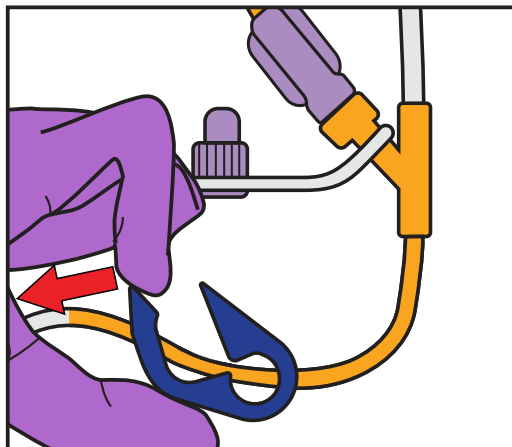


6. Allow the formula/nutrition to fill the FARRELL\* tubing until it reaches about 1 inch (3cm) from the end of the FARRELL\* tubing and then close the blue clamp on the FARRELL\* tubing.

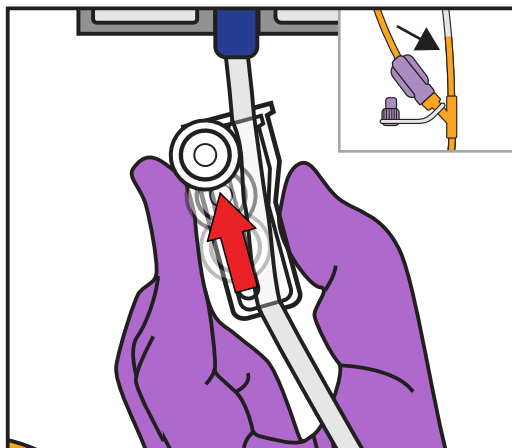


7. Connect the FARRELL\* tubing to the feeding tube and/or extension set.

(If using a MIC-KEY\* Feeding Tube, then see tip #8 on pg. 5)



8. Open the blue clamp on the FARRELL\* tubing.



9. Open the white roller clamp. The FARRELL\* Valve System is ready to use.

## Troubleshooting Tips and Additional Information

1. If the patient's stomach is bloated or swollen due to pressure from inside, then manually reduce the pressure with a syringe before using the FARRELL\* Valve System.
2. When giving patient's medication, use the access port on the feeding tube if possible. Close the blue clamp before opening the feeding tube access port. Administer medication and close the feeding tube access port. Wait 5-10 minutes before re-opening the blue clamp.
3. Patients on very low volume feeds (neonates) may require substantially longer time (60-90 minutes) to establish flow in the FARRELL\* tubing before opening the white roller clamp in step 9. In neonates, the FARRELL\* bag and pump should be located as close to the patient's stomach as possible.
4. When FARRELL\* is working correctly, formula/nutrition may continuously move up and down the FARRELL\* tubing. Normal height of formula/nutrition in the FARRELL\* tubing should be slightly above the patient's stomach level.
5. Do NOT allow all of the formula/nutrition in the formula bag/syringe to back up into the FARRELL\* bag. All of the formula/nutrition should not move from the formula bag/syringe to the FARRELL\* bag.
6. If formula/nutrition begins to back up in the FARRELL\* bag and a blockage in the feeding tube is suspected, then close the blue clamp and disconnect FARRELL\* from the feeding tube extension set. Check for blockages in the feeding tube. Once the blockage is removed, then reconnect FARRELL\* and use as instructed.
7. If a large volume of formula/nutrition is in the FARRELL\* tubing and bag after removing a blockage, then adjust the white roller clamp to prevent the formula/nutrition from free-flowing into the patient's stomach.
8. In step 7, if the patient has a MIC-KEY\* Feeding Tube, then attach the FARRELL\* tubing to the extension set and allow the formula/nutrition to fill the FARRELL\* tubing and the extension set until it reaches 1 inch from the end of the extension set. Then, close the blue clamp on the FARRELL\* tubing. Do not let formula/nutrition go into the feeding tube yet. **Note:** Allowing formula to go into the extension set before starting to feed prevents additional air in the extension set from being pushed into the patient's stomach.
9. To disconnect FARRELL\* from the extension set, close the white roller clamp and the blue clamp.

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