

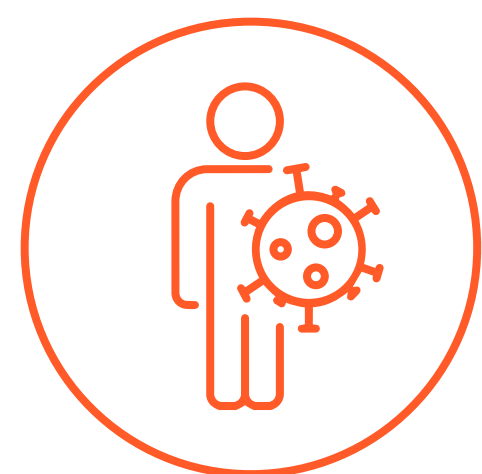
ENTERAL FEEDING FROM EVIDENCE TO CARE



Did You Know... a worn over-used extension set can quietly put feeding at risk?

Extension sets are used with low-profile feeding tubes many times every day to deliver nutrition, fluids, and medications. Over time, bacteria, blockages, and wear can build up even when the extension set looks clean and undamaged.^{1,2}

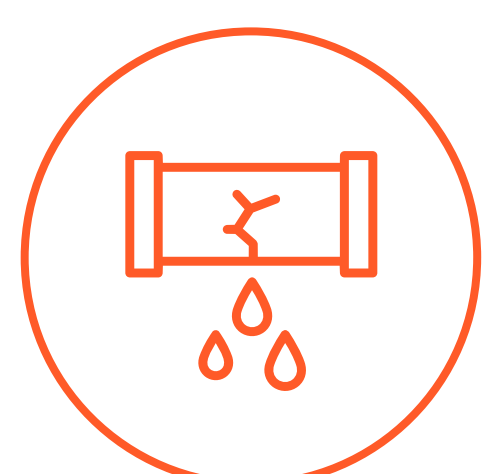
Using an extension set for too long may increase the risk of:



Infection - Whilst not visible, bacteria can travel back into the tube and enter the body, increasing the risk of disease or adverse events^{1,3,4}

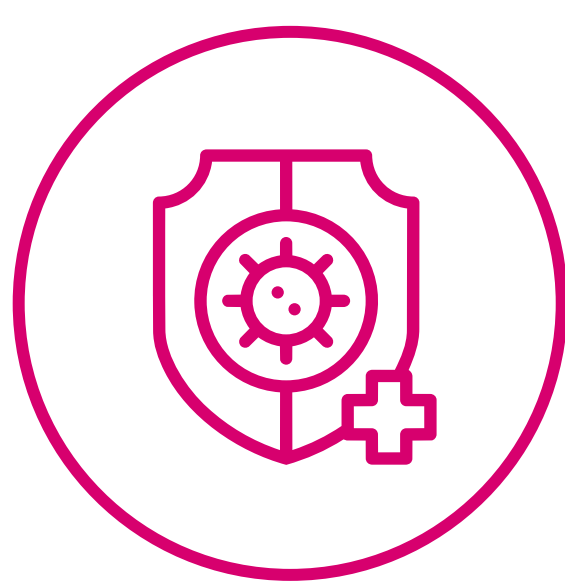


Blockages - dried formula or medication residue can slow or stop feeds and delay medicines⁵⁻⁷



Wear and leaks - valves and connections can weaken over time, even without visible damage, which may lead to leaks, poor sealing, unexpected disconnections, or interrupted delivery^{8,9}

Why replacing on time matters



Helps reduce bacteria and infection risk^{2,4}



Allows feeds and medications to flow smoothly.⁵



Protects valves and tube connections from failure⁸

Extension sets aren't "just" accessories

They are part of safe tube feeding and should be replaced every **two weeks**, or sooner if advised by the healthcare team. Replacing the extension set on time is a simple step that helps keep feeding safe and uninterrupted.

Follow a healthcare professional's advice and always use products according to the Instructions for Use (IFU).

For more clinical information, please visit our resource library

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