

Medication Administration via Enteral Feeding Tube

As an NDIS provider, Life Without Barriers (LWB) must comply with the NDIS Practice Standards and Quality Indicators to deliver high-quality and safe High Intensity Daily Personal Activities (HIDPA) support. In addition, trainers should use the [High Intensity Support Skills Descriptors](#) to ensure the training they offer equips LWB staff with the skills and knowledge expected to provide high-intensity supports.

To support this, on the next page is a table to guide Appropriately Qualified Health Practitioners (AQHP) in the training requirements regarding the provision of medication administration via enteral feeding tube.

When training LWB staff in medication administration via enteral feeding tube, please include ALL the essential elements relevant to the person's plan and support task.

You will be asked to complete an endorsement following training to confirm the following:

- you have accessed the NDIS LWB HIDPA 5696 Administration of Medication via Enteral Feeding Tube - Training Essentials (this document)
- you have accessed the relevant LWB HIDPA Support Procedure
- names of staff member/s you trained in the person's plan and support task
- that the staff member/s were assessed as competent and effectively demonstrated skills, knowledge and understanding associated with the plan, or whether further training is required.

If you have any additional questions regarding the training and requirements of our staff, please contact our Professional Learning Team at LearningDMH@lwb.org.au.

Thank you for working in partnership with LWB to maintain the safety and wellbeing of the people we support and assist us in complying with the [NDIS Practice Standards and Quality Indicators](#) related to the provision of enteral feeding support and administration of medication.

Essential Training Element	Training Outcome LWB staff members will practically demonstrate:
Understands the basic anatomy of the gastrointestinal tract, the purpose of enteral feeding and complications associated with the procedure	An understanding of the basic anatomy of the gastrointestinal tract
	An understanding of the need and the purpose for administering medication through an enteral feeding tube
	An understanding of the complications associated with the administration of medication via enteral feeding tube.
	An understanding of the person’s Enteral Feeding Plan and Medication Support Plan, when and what action is required
Emergency Response	An understanding of when to stop the procedure and what action to take
Administration of medication through a feeding tube according to the person’s enteral feeding and management plan and Medication Plan	How to check the person’s Enteral Feeding Plan, Medication chart and PRN Plan
	How to gather equipment and prepare the area
	How to check the Enteral Feeding Plan for water flushing amounts
	The 7 rights of medication administration
	How to wash hands and put on appropriate PPE
	How to check the placement of the tube appropriately if using a nasogastric tube
	How to prepare each individual medication in separate syringes – varying size according to the volume of medication as required
	If medication needs to be crushed, how to use an appropriate crushing device and mix the medication with water before administration
	How to wash the crushing device between each medication

Essential Training Element	Training Outcome LWB staff members will practically demonstrate:
	How to connect an extension set to the feeding button/tube (if used)
	How to attach a designated enteral syringe to the feeding/extension tube
	How to flush the feeding tube with the correct amount of water before administering the medication
	How to administer each medication individually using the feeding or medication port on the feeding tube
	How to flush the feeding tube with a designated amount of water after administering each medication
	How to remove the syringe/extension tube and ensure the feeding tube port is capped
	How to monitor the person for distress and complications throughout the procedure
Shows respect for the individual and works with them to make the process comfortable	Ensuring support practice respects the person throughout the process
	An explanation to the person of each step to be taken and seek their consent before performing any tasks
	Actively involving the person in their support, as outlined in their plan, and to their chosen level
	How to assist the person into the correct position for the procedure and reassure them throughout the process
Health, Safety and Environment	How to follow hygiene and infection control procedures. For example, they wash their hands and put on clean gloves before commencing activities
	How to clean and dispose of all equipment and waste appropriately.

Essential Training Element	Training Outcome LWB staff members will practically demonstrate:
	Appropriate and accurate documentation, and when it is completed