



Guidelines for having a spare tube at home

How to obtain a spare tube:

- If you would like a spare tube for home, you will need to purchase one. The clinic is unable to provide spare tubes.
- A spare tube can be purchased from HEN admin (9345 7029) and a form will need to be completed. Alternatively you can purchase one when you attend your PEG clinic appointment.
- We recommend families look into the possibility of purchase using their NDIS funding.

Reasons your spare may be used:

We recommend that you only use the spare tube;

- If there is a mishap such as breakage or dislodgement (where you are unable to reinsert the old tube) and cannot come into the hospital.
- If you are on holiday
- If your child is in respite

What to do if you have used your spare tube:

If you have needed to change your child's tube and would like the spare tube replaced, you must;

- Contact the PEG clinic via phone (9345 5673) or email (peg.nurse@rch.org.au) within one week of the change to advise of the incident.
- Make an appointment with the PEG clinic to have the site and size checked and new tube inspected.
- The old tube must be kept and brought to the clinic along with the details of the tube you have inserted. (best to keep the spare tube box and place the old device inside to bring with you)
- After review of the patient and inspection of new tube. The broken tube will be logged and we will replace the spare tube used.

** If a tube is changed at home without it legitimately needing a change, especially prior to 5-6 months, we will be unable to replace the spare and you will need to source another at your own cost.

** All tubes have expiry dates. In order to keep these in date we ask that you bring your spare tube to every routine tube change. We will use your spare tube at that change and replace it with a new one from our stock.

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