



Medicines  
safety is  
everyone's role

**A patient from the community with a feeding tube presents to your care saying they require a prescription for an enteral feed**

**Questions:**

**What would you need to check first?**

**Would you prescribe or supply it?**





## Answer:

All patients in the community with a feeding tube **must be** under the care of a dietitian.

**NOTHING** should be going down an NG tube unless the positioning has been checked - the dietitians/nutrition nurses involved with the patient will be checking that the patient can do this.

Feed is supplied differently depending on the patient's **location**.

# Contact your local dietetic service.

**Action: Check that there is a dietitian involved.**

**GPs should not be prescribing anything unless a dietitian has specifically requested it.**