PROCEDURE FOR GASTROSTOMY TUBE/BUTTON REPLACEMENT

**Note:** An order from a LHCP is required for insertion of a replacement button, Foley catheter or other non-stylet device into a gastrostomy stoma. If the existing Mic-Key that has been dislodged is still intact, it can be washed and reinserted. Remember to check the balloon to determine if it is intact before reusing.

### PROCEDURE

1. Lie student down.

2. Assemble equipment:
   - Replacement Mic-Key, Foley catheter or other non-stylet device (same size or one size smaller as dislodged tube) or Mic-Key that is being reused if still intact
   - Gloves
   - Water-soluble lubricant or tap water for lubrication
   - 5-6 cc Luer Lock or Luer Slip syringe with sterile or tap water
   - Catheter plug if needed
   - Tape

3. Wash hands and put on gloves. Prepare replacement device by checking expiration date and balloon inflation before insertion. Deflate balloon.

4. Lubricate device. Insert replacement tube into stoma site. If using a catheter, insert approximately 2-3 inches.

5. Use Luer Lock or Luer Slip syringe to inflate balloon with water, per device instructions.

6. If a Foley catheter is used, bridge tape catheter to abdomen.

7. Notify parent/guardian.

8. Document in Healthmaster and on Easy-Trac, if applicable.

### POINTS TO REMEMBER

Anticipating the tasks to be done, the risks involved, and the personal protective equipment needed will enhance protection of both the caregiver and student. Maintain privacy.

Check directions on device or physician orders to determine the amount of water to be used to inflate the balloon.

Check that there is no tape allergy. Bridge taping is required if using a Foley catheter and will prevent the tube from advancing into the intestines or esophagus. Be sure to close the catheter end with the plug to prevent stomach content from leaking out of the replacement tube.