

Post-operative G-button Nursing Care Grid

*See [G-button guideline](#) for full instructions and care.

	Post-Op Day 0	Post-Op Day 1	Post-Op Day 2
G-button sign	Hang the " G-button Precautions " sign at HOB.	Sign at HOB	Sign at HOB
Feeds/ Venting	Occasionally, slow feeds will be started on the evening of POD 0. This is patient and surgeon dependent and orders will reflect the plan for feeding.	Once bolus feeds are started, vent the G-button before and after feeds and PRN (abd distention, pain, gagging or vomiting. **This is especially important in patients with a Nissen Fundoplication.	Feeds are advanced to goal as tolerated by the patient. Orders should reflect the feed advancement schedule.
Extension Tubing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep loosely secured to the abdominal wall to prevent the G-Button from being pulled laterally. Extension tubing connected to mucous trap after surgery Document mucous trap output Q 4hrs 	Keep loosely secured to the abdominal wall to prevent the G-Button from being pulled laterally.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove the extension tubing between feeds if receiving bolus feeds. If the patient is very active or at high risk for pulling on extension tubing during bolus feeds, secure the extension tubing to the abdominal wall to prevent pulling on the G-button.
Dressing around G-button	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most patients will have small pieces of tape or sutures securing the end of the G-button to prevent the G-button from spinning or being pulled on. Ensure there is no pressure to the G-button that could cause skin breakdown. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If G-button manipulation or turning is felt to be necessary to prevent skin breakdown, call the Surgery APP at 512-589-6072. 	Same as Post-Op day 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RN may remove dressing and tape around G-button <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Exception: Dr. Horwitz prefers the tape to remain for 1 week. Tape will need to be removed and replaced daily when cleaning and reapplying gauze.</i> Surgery Team will remove sutures if present. <p>*Laparoscopic umbilical dressing can be removed on POD 5. Steri-strips to remain in place until they fall off.</p>
Site Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not clean around G-button. Leave tape and dressing in place. 	Same as Post-Op Day 0.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean the skin around the G-Button with a cotton tipped applicator BID with sterile water or NS, then a dry cotton swab. Do not rotate or manipulate the G-Button excessively for the first 6 weeks. After Post-Op Day 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue cleaning site BID as described above. Remove laparoscopic dressing on Post-Op Day 5. May shower on Post-Op Day 7. May submerge in water on Post-Op Day 14.
Caregiver teaching	Give the caregiver the G-button care education documents. Start teaching topics using the teaching grid and in compass..	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue teaching. Document on Teaching Grid and place teaching on chart. 	Same as Post-Op Day 1.
Activity Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be held or ambulate, but ensure the extension tubing is secured to the abdominal wall and is not being pulled on. May place the infant in onesie or clothing that prevents pulling on the G-button. May use a G-button belt, if family has one. 		
Preparing for Discharge	The patient's medical team will consult the Case Manager and arrange for home supplies.		Caregiver teaching must be completed and the home health company will arrange in person teaching of the home feeding pump prior to discharge.