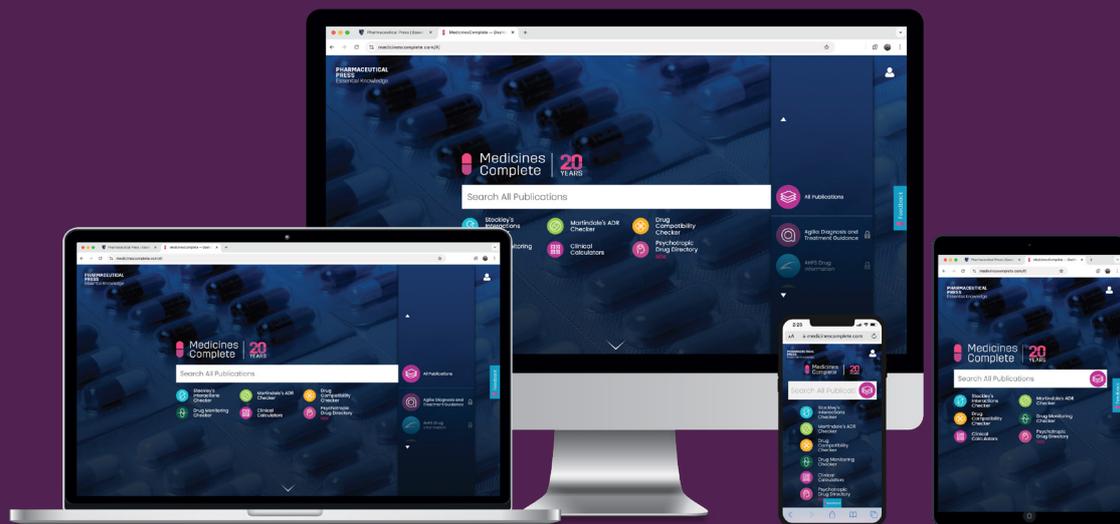




MedicinesComplete guide for non-standard users



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Quick and easy access to drug interactions



**Drug Administration via
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As a dietician working across NHS Wales, you may encounter individuals with enteral feeding tubes and it's important to understand the legal, practical and technical implications of administering medicines by this route. Drug Administration via Enteral Feeding Tubes can be a valuable guide, helping patients safely receive their medicines when standard routes are unavailable.

What is Drug Administration via Enteral Feeding Tubes?

Drug Administration via Enteral Feeding Tubes provides health professionals with the practical and technical knowledge of how to administer drugs via enteral feeding tube and the legal and clinical ramifications of such administration. It covers which drugs and formulations can be given via feeding tubes, the methods of preparing medicines for feed administration, alternative routes available, and potential interactions with food and drink.

How do I use Drug Administration via Enteral Feeding Tubes?

Drug Administration via Enteral Feeding Tubes is comprised of chapters and drug monographs.

Chapters cover the contextual knowledge needed for a practitioner working with enteral feeding tubes and includes types and maintenance of feeding tubes, the choices of formulation for administration, and risk management. Chapters are broken down into subchapters which can be navigated via the side tab, allowing any topic of interest to be accessed easily.

How do I use the information?

The information from drug monographs allows you to select the best possible option for your patient. Look up whether your patient's drug is compatible with feeding tubes, follow step-by-step guides on preparation and administration and consider alternative routes where a drug is incompatible with a feeding tube.



It is important that decisions on medicines administration should only be made by those suitably qualified, and where unsure, or if a medicine is not covered by the handbook, always refer the matter to your local medicine's information provider.

Any other relevant information on MedicinesComplete?

It's important to note that administering medicines via an enteral feeding tube may fall outside of the product license, for example the crushing of tablets or breaking open a capsule.

Complimentary information on product licences can be found in BNF and Martindale: The Complete Drug Reference.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

Please remember that Drug Administration via Enteral Feeding Tubes is intended for use by health professionals. It should not be used to independently alter medications, provide clinical advice, or replace direct consultation with a qualified medical professional. Always refer individuals to their GP, pharmacist, or other relevant health professional for clinical guidance and medication management.

When to seek further advice?

Drugs Administered by Enteral Feeding Tubes is designed for health professionals and advice should only be given to patients by those suitably trained to do so.

Not every medicine can be administered by enteral feeding tubes, and this product does not cover every drug that can be administered by enteral feeding tubes. If unsure, seek expert advice or use your local medicines information service.

If you are unsure on what to do, or the monographs and chapters contradict the instructions from prescribers, you should refer the matter to the prescriber, pharmacists or another suitably qualified health professionals.



Drug Administration via Enteral Feeding Tubes

Drug Administration via Enteral Feeding Tubes covers the technical, practical, and legal aspects that should be considered before prescribing or administering drugs via enteral feeding tubes.

Access this essential knowledge today

MedicinesComplete makes it easy for health professionals to access essential medicines information at the point of care. Providing trusted evidence-based knowledge for confident decision-making and effective patient care.

Find out more today

Contact your e-library team for more information

<https://elh.nhs.wales/medicines-information/>

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