Guidance: Enteral tube displacement

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If the displaced enteral tube:

- Is in a stoma site initially formed less than six weeks ago
- Is a direct jejunal tube
- Is a transgastric jejunal tube where short term gastric feeding is not appropriate

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- Secure tube to abdomen with tape OR
- Cover stoma with dry dressing (if tube fully out)
- Transfer to acute hospital for tube replacement
- Submit DATIX report

Enteral tube out

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Replace the enteral tube with one of the same size

Successful → Complete Balloon gastrostomy Insertion Record on EPR

Unsuccessful ↓

- Insert ENPlug to fit stoma size
- Secure with dressing
- Insert appropriately sized enteral tube

Successful → Complete Balloon gastrostomy Insertion Record on EPR

Unsuccessful ↓

- If unable to replace enteral tube, ensure ENPlug is secured within stoma tract
- Contact Enteral CNS on ext 5780 or the Clinical Response Service

Complete Balloon gastrostomy Insertion Record on EPR

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- Check pH, if >5.5 then tube is safe for use
- Flush tube with 60ml water

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Submit DATIX report detailing circumstances surrounding tube