

# Gastrostomy Tube Replacements



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Most new g-tubes have decreased balloon sizes.  
The new balloon sizes are 7-10ml, to be filled with no more than 10ml regular tap water, using a 12ml slip tip syringe.

## Procedure:

- Fill balloon of new g-tube with 10ml water and check for leaks. Deflate balloon.
- Deflate balloon of g-tube presently in patient's stoma. Remove and discard.
- Immediately place new g-tube in patient's stoma.
- Fill new g-tube's balloon with 10ml water and pull back on tube so balloon is against wall of stomach.
- Twist external bumper down the tubing to make it flush against patient's abdomen. This anchors tube in place. To make sure bumper isn't too snug, you should be able to place your pinky between bumper and patient's abdomen.
- Flush tube with 30ml water to assure tube patency.

**\* New balloons only hold maximum 10ml water!!\***