



## Radiology Associates of Venice & Englewood

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### Feeding Tube Placement

#### Sedation:

- The sedation you received for your procedure is still in your system. Therefore, we would like you to take it easy the rest of the day and evening. We recommend that your caregiver remains with you for the remainder of the day.
- Do not drive and avoid drinking alcohol. Do not sign important documents or make legal decisions for the next 24 hours..

#### Care after the Procedure

- You can still eat and drink by mouth unless your doctor has indicated otherwise.
- You may have a full or gaseous feeling in your abdomen after the procedure.
- To reduce the gas, drink 4-5 glasses, unless you are restricted for another reason.
- It is normal to have a moderate amount of discomfort around the tube site for a few days.
- You may experience abdominal discomfort the first night of the procedure, requiring stronger medications.
- Taking Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Ibuprofen (Motrin or Advil) will help your pain.
- You will have a dressing around the feeding tube. It can be exchanged two (2) days after the procedure.
- You may shower two (2) days after the feeding tube placement.
- After the procedure you will have a few t-tacks (looks like little buttons) that will eventually fall off after about a week. If these do not fall off after two (2) weeks, Please call our office at (941) 486-3491.

#### When To Call:

- Chills or fever greater than 101.5.
- Bleeding or foul smelling drainage around the tube.
- If you are having difficulty flushing the tube.
- If the tube comes out.

If you experience any of these problems, please call Radiology Associates of Venice at **(941)486-3491** and ask for the IR Department. **If it is a medial Emergency, call 911.**