

What to do if your feeding tube has fallen out:

For people living in their own home

This flow chart gives you a step-by-step guide of what to do if your feeding tube falls out **OR** you think it has almost fallen out (For example, you can usually see the 4cm marking at the skin and now you can see 2cm marking)

1. Re-insert the tube to keep the stoma or hole open
2. Insert the tube to the centimeter mark you can usually see at the skin level
3. Tape it to the skin to hold it in position

**DO NOT PUT ANYTHING DOWN THE TUBE
AS THERE IS A HIGH RISK OF GETTING A SEVERE INFECTION**

8.30am- 5pm Monday to Friday

Call your dietitian as soon as possible to arrange an urgent tube review and/or replacement on phone number:

9076 3063

After Hours including weekends

If you have not reinserted the tube; go to the Emergency Department at The Alfred **OR** your nearest hospital **IMMEDIATELY** to have the tube replaced

If you have re-inserted the tube AND you do not need to use it for medications; call the dietitian in the morning to arrange tube replacement:

Monday to Friday: 9076 3063

Weekends (8am to 8pm): on-call Dietitian via the switchboard on 9076 2000 & pager 4850

Your Dietitian is: _____