



T E C H N O P A T H

NURSE & PATIENT EDUCATION SERVICE

Skills for your nursing staff and enteral patients in the
Care & Management of Enteral Feeding Devices

ABOUT US

TECHNOPATH have been identifying, sourcing, developing and supplying leading edge technologies across the healthcare sector since 1997.

We have sourced a wide portfolio of high quality Enteral Feeding Devices from industry leaders to supply and support across Ireland.

Our Nursing & Patient Education Service brings added value to our Enteral Feeding Device product portfolio.

OUR SERVICE

TECHNOPATH provide the valuable Nursing & Patient Education Service to all patients who have one of our range of Enteral Feeding Devices inserted (service excludes Naso-gastric tubes). This service supports and educates enteral feeding patients (or their carer) in the correct care and successful management of their enteral feeding device at home, post insertion.

An experienced team of Nurse Advisors will provide this safe reliable service to the patient on referral by the hospital. Education to the patient will be done through scheduled home visits on a **non-emergency** basis.

The aim of this service is to “empower patients” to become more self-caring at home while also avoiding unnecessary readmissions to hospital.



EXPERIENCED NURSE ADVISORS

SUPPORT & EDUCATE PATIENTS

ENABLING PATIENT SELF-CARE

AVOID HOSPITAL READMISSION

REFERRAL PROCEDURE

Patients who have had a TECHNOPATH supplied enteral feeding device inserted are eligible for referral from the hospital to the TECHNOPATH Nursing & Patient Education Service. Contact TECHNOPATH for the Referral Form.

Following initial referral from the hospital each patient can expect:

- An introductory phone call within 48 hours after referral, explaining our role and the identity of their dedicated TECHNOPATH Nurse Advisor.
- A follow up home visit is designated between 14 to 30 days post insertion of the device. Patient/Carer's competence will be assessed for fitness to care and manage their device.
- Written support materials will be given to each patient to aid in their home self-care.
- In the event where the patient/carers is unable to maintain self-care, TECHNOPATH, in the best interest of the patient, will refer them back to the hospital. TECHNOPATH also reserve the right to refer any patient back to the hospital in the event of inappropriate behaviour or failure to comply with scheduled appointments.

Example procedure for a patient with a Balloon Retained Feeding Tube

One or more visits will be scheduled accordingly to provide education on:

Visit 1: 3 to 4 weeks post primary placement. Advice on Suture care / Suture removal. Education on balloon check and emergency placement on model, pH testing and supervised balloon volume change. Check on supplies. Extension set cleaning.

Visit 2: 3 months post insertion for 1st tube change. Practice on model. Observe nurse advisor changing tube and pH check.*

Visit 3: 6 months post insertion. 1st supervised tube change. **

Visit 4: 9 months post insertion 2nd supervised tube change. **

Visit 5: 12 months post insertion 3rd supervised tube change.

* Patient may opt to change the tube themselves under supervision

**At this stage the TECHNOPATH Nurse Advisor may deem the patient competent in the care of their tube and no further visits will be scheduled.

Hospital referral



Introductory phone call



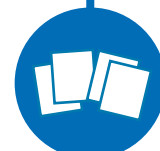
Scheduled home visits



Patient education on tube care



Supporting materials provided



OUR TEAM

TECHNOPATH employ only experienced, knowledgeable and caring staff to carry out this education for patients. Our team will work with our HSE healthcare professional colleagues to support and nurture patients who have received a TECHNOPATH enteral feeding device.

Our overall aim is to minimise patient return visits to hospital, which are distressing for the patient and inconvenient and costly for the Health Service.

EDUCATION FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Additionally, the Nursing Support Service is available to hospital and community based health care professionals through education sessions or study days.

To request an education session please:

Email: education@techno-path.com

SUCCESSFUL PATHWAY TO PATIENT SELF-CARE



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