

Caring for your child's MIC-KEY Button

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A gastrostomy is a flexible tube that passes through the abdominal wall into the stomach to allow for feeding and/or medications. It also provides a mechanism to drain gastric contents or vent gas if required. A gastrostomy is often the route of choice for long-term feeding into the stomach.

Most Mickey Buttons are used as replacement devices in an established tract. There is very little tube visible externally. Mickey Buttons are held in place with a water-filled balloon. An extension device is used to access the tube for feeding or medication administration.

Your child's Mickey Button requires rotating at least weekly, but no more than once daily (this will usually happen on its own accord during the attachment of feeds etc.).

For further information about this service contact:

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