Ready To Hang Suggested Setup Procedure

Ready-To-Hang (RTH) Prefilled Enteral Feeding Containers can hang safely up to 48 hours when a new RTH container is connected to a new safety screw connector feeding set using clean technique. Using only one feeding set per RTH container helps control the introduction of microbes from touch contamination. If more than one feeding set is used or if more than one RTH container is used with a single feeding set, the maximum safe hangtime is 24 hours. Follow directions for use provided by manufacturer of feeding sets.





• Thoroughly wash hands with soap and water before handling container or feeding set.

IMPORTANT: Hands are major sources of microbial contamination. Hand washing is one of the best ways to minimize touch contamination and subsequent product spoilage.



2 • Obtain Ready-To-Hang container and appropriate safety screw connector feeding set.

IMPORTANT: Feeding set must be appropriate for the enteral pump being used.



• Fill in information on label (ie, patient name, room, date, start time, and rate). Also mark feeding set with start date and time

IMPORTANT: Proper identification and dating are essential for patient safety. Use formula, container, and tubing for 24 hours, or up to 48 hours after initial connection, when clean technique and only one new feeding set are used.



• Turn container upside down and shake vigorously, using twisting motion, for at least 10 seconds

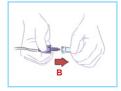
IMPORTANT: Proper shaking ensures uniform consistency and proper product flow — particularly of fiber-containing or viscous formulas.





• Holding the RTH container firmly, remove the dust cover from the Safety Screw Cap (A)

IMPORTANT: <u>DO NOT</u> remove the Safety Screw Cap itself from the RTH container.



6 • Remove the dust cover from the Safety Screw connector set (B)

IMPORTANT: <u>DO NOT</u> touch any part of the Safety Screw connector that will come into contact with the formula.



- 7 Insert the Safety Screw connector set into the port on the RTH Safety Screw Cap (C)
- Push down on the Safety Screw connector until you feel the inner foil puncture



• Turn the Safety Screw connector clockwise (D) until it is securely fastened

IMPORTANT: TURN and TIGHTEN the Safety Screw connector to prevent spillage and contamination.



 Close clamp on set, invert container and suspend, using hanging feature on bottom of container.

IMPORTANT: The RTH container must be hung in an inverted position for proper product flow.

10 • Follow pump priming and operation directions provided with feeding set.

IMPORTANT: Proper setup is essential to assure accurate and effective pump functioning.

11 • Discard opened, unused formula within 24 to 48 hours.

IMPORTANT: Studies show that formulas in prefilled containers can hang safely for up to 48 hours when clean technique and only one new feeding set are used.

• Change all ancillary feeding supplies (flushing syringes, adapter covers, etc) at least every 24 hours.

IMPORTANT: Multi-use supplies can be sources of contamination.

REMINDER

- If feeding set is disconnected from feeding tube, cover adapter at distal end of feeding set with provided adapter cover to reduce risk of touch contamination. If pump has a holder for adapter cover, store adapter cover in holder during feeding. Remember to discard adapter cover when you throw away the feeding set.
- Store unopened containers between 32° and 95°F in the shipper in a dry area or in closed cabinets.
- If there is potential for contact with body fluids, eg, gastric contents, during connection of feeding set to feeding tube, use universal precautions.
- Never add any substances to the container. They may interact with formula, introduce contaminants, and compromise container integrity, all of which will drastically reduce safe hangtime.