

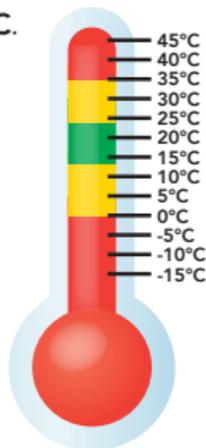
RECOMMENDED STORAGE GUIDELINES FOR ABBOTT NUTRITION PRODUCTS

RECOMMENDED STORAGE TEMPERATURES FOR UNOPENED PRODUCTS

Liquid

- Most desirable:† **between 13°C and 24°C.**
- Acceptable: between 0°C and 35°C.
- **Do not freeze.**

Prolonged exposure to temperatures below 0°C or to direct heat above 35°C could affect the physical consistency of the product and consequently could also affect its appearance, flavour, and other sensory attributes. Product is sterile and should remain of sound nutritional quality.



RECOMMENDED STORAGE OF OPENED PRODUCTS

See individual product pages for storage information on LiquiProtein™.

Liquid

- Cover, refrigerate and use within 48 hours.

If formula is left at **room temperature**, it should be **used within 2 hours**.^{1,2}

If product is consumed **directly from the can/bottle or by straw**:‡

- Use or refrigerate within 1 hour.
- If refrigerated, use product within 24 hours.

EXPIRATION DATES

- To assure the highest quality, use the formula by the date shown on the product.
- The vitamin content and the physical stability of the product cannot be guaranteed beyond the expiry date because both may degrade with time.

† For highest quality product.

‡ This practice exposes the product to significant amounts of bacteria.

REFERENCES:

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HANG TIME FOR ABBOTT NUTRITION PRODUCTS

OPEN SYSTEM:

Ready to use (commercially sterile)

When carefully poured from container into an enteral-feeding setup:†

- 8-12 hours for adult patients.
- 4-8 hours for pediatric patients.

Addition of modulators

Includes: Any formula to which a modular component has been added.

- Prepare using aseptic technique.
- Hang for no more than 4 hours.

It is generally recommended for feeding sets and accessories to be changed after no more than 24 hours. Consult manufacturer recommendations.

CLOSED SYSTEM:

Ready-to-hang products

- Follow directions for use provided by manufacturer of feeding sets.
- Unless a shorter hang time is specified by the set manufacturer, hang product for up to 48 hours after initial connection when clean technique and only one new set are used. Otherwise hang for no more than 24 hours.

Each health care facility is responsible for developing/ following procedures for using safe techniques in the preparation and use of tube feedings and in setting quality assurance protocols for monitoring those techniques.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- **Abbott Nutrition nutritional products are not intended for parenteral use.**
- Use under medical supervision. While many Abbott Nutrition nutritional formulas are designed to meet specific needs of patients with certain conditions, the choice of the optimal product for a patient must be based on patient-specific information and clinical judgment.
- Adult nutritional products are not intended for use in children unless recommended by a physician or qualified health care professional.

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