Making your home tube feeding a pleasant experience

The transition to home tube feeding requires some adjustments and there are ways to make them easier. For example, talking to friends and family about your tube feeding may make you more comfortable with the transition. Or, consider scheduling your feedings during family meal time. If you choose to administer your feedings at other times, be sure to continue to engage in family and other social activities. The adjustment may require time and patience, but soon it will become a routine.

Tube Feeding Resources

The following resources provide additional information regarding home tube feeding:

■ Oley Foundation

The Oley Foundation is a national, non-profit organization that provides information and emotional support to individuals and caregivers receiving tube feeding. www.oley.org

■ CaringBridge

CaringBridge provides websites that connect people experiencing a major health issue to family and friends making the health journey easier.

www.caringbridge.org

■ Tube Feeding Awareness

A group of parents who are raising infants and children with feeding tubes who want to share their experiences along the way in addition to raising awareness of tube feeding. www.feedingtubeawareness.com

■ ParENtalk[™]

This website provides resources and support, including instructional videos, for parents caring for a tube fed child. www.parentalk.com

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