CAMC Health System Communication

**Tube Feeding Supply Use**

**Target Audience:** Nursing and Ordering Clinicians

**Nutrition Support Committee**

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<th>It is anticipated that CAMC may see an increase in COVID-19 patients. ASPEN has published guidelines for <em>Nutrition Therapy in the Patient with COVID-19 Disease Requiring ICU Care</em>: Updated March 30, 2020.</th>
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<td>To prepare for a potential influx of these patients, the Nutrition Support Committee members are recommending the following initial steps to conserve the use of Tube Feeding (TF) pumps, supplies and product.</td>
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| A | Actions | **Non-COVID-19 Patient**

- The dietitian will communicate with the Provider if a bolus feed could be considered.

**COVID-19 Patients receiving Enteral feedings**

- Bundle tasks, e.g.,
  - Tube placement confirmation x-ray w/chest x-ray
  - Give modular once/day: protein, fiber, probiotics
- Nutrition Services increased the par levels of the following TF products:
  - Nutren 1.5
  - Nutren 2.0
  - Novasource
- If the patient room allows for TF pump to be placed “outside” the room, this includes the bag set. Use extension tubing that allows for proper flow, is compatible w/EN connectors and delivery system. Tube extension (CAT#8884700207)

**Reminder**

Per procedure “Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization” 20SAA01156, equipment needs to be returned to Central for cleaning and reprocessing, then redistribution. **Return equipment to Central** for cleaning as soon as possible to avoid delays in patient care. Tube Feeding pumps must be available for patients when needed.

| R | Effective Date: 04-27-20 | An additional communication will follow if a contingency plan with further mitigation strategies is needed. |