

Cleaning Re-Usable Enteral Feeding Equipment (Syringes and extension sets) For children over 1 year of age

You will receive a supply of re-usable syringes and extension sets for use at home.

Syringes can be re-used for up to **one week**, and extension sets for up to **two weeks**, provided that they are washed and dried between each use, following the instructions below.

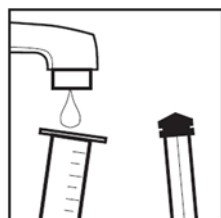
After one week's use, syringes should be thrown away and replaced with new ones.

After two week's use, extension sets should be thrown away and replaced with a new one.

Instructions for cleaning Enteral Feeding Equipment (syringes and extension sets)



Separate the syringe and plunger and clean the syringe in warm soapy water.



Separate syringe and rinse with cold tap water and dry with paper towel. Store in dry container

- After use, clean the syringes and extension sets straight away.
- Place the equipment in warm, soapy water.
- Clean the end of the syringe by drawing soapy water in and out using the plunger, until all traces of feed or medication have been removed.
- Clean through the extension set by drawing soapy water into a syringe and flushing through the extension set, until all traces of feed or medication have been removed.
- Separate the syringe and the plunger and wash thoroughly in warm soapy water.
- Rinse the extension set and both parts of the syringe under the cold water tap. Use a syringe to flush cold water through the extension set.
- Shake off excess water and dry with clean, disposable kitchen roll (do not use dishcloths or a tea towel).
- Store the equipment (with the syringes still separated) in a clean, dry container with a lid.

Do not clean in the dishwasher as it can reduce the life of the syringes and extension sets.

After one week's use for syringes, or 2 week's use for extension sets, or if they have become damaged or difficult to use, clean the equipment and discard. Dispose in your household rubbish, not in your recycling container.