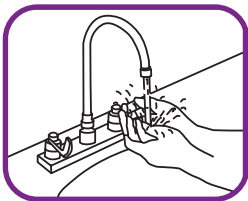


Ready-To-Hang Suggested Setup Procedure

Ready-To-Hang (RTH) prefilled enteral feeding containers can hang safely **up to 48 hours** when a new container is spiked with a new feeding set using clean technique. Using only one feeding set per container helps control the introduction of microbes from touch contamination. Otherwise, hang no longer than 24 hours.



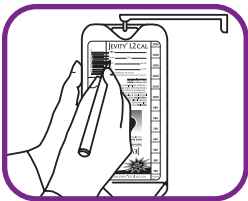
ACTION

RATIONALE

1

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

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 piercing pin feeding set.

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

3

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

Proper identification and dating are essential for patient safety. Use formula, container, and tubing for 24 hours, or up to 48 hours if they are not disconnected.



4

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

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



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Holding bottle with one hand, lift tab to remove sticker. Take care not to touch spike port, piercing pin, or any part that comes in contact with formula.

Preventing touch contamination helps prevent introduction of microbes.

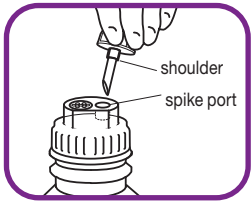

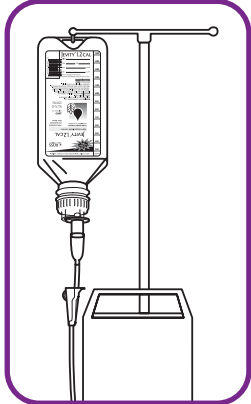
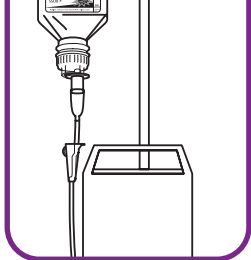



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Do not remove clear plastic cap. Visually inspect foil for signs of leakage. Foil should be unbroken. If you see leakage, do not use.

Foil should be intact to reduce the potential for introduction of microbes.

Ready-To-Hang Suggested Setup Procedure

	ACTION	RATIONALE
	<p>7 Close clamp on feeding set.</p>	<p><i>Closed clamp prevents formula flow during setup.</i></p>
	<p>8 Remove piercing pin cover. To spike, insert piercing pin completely into spike port with a sideways (rocking) motion until no further insertion is possible and then turn piercing pin ¼ turn. Do not touch piercing pin or spike port during this maneuver.</p>	<p><i>Making a quarter turn of the piercing pin ensures proper insertion and product flow. Clean technique reduces potential for touch contamination.</i></p>
	<p>9 Invert container and suspend, using hanging feature on bottom of container. Formula usually appears under clear plastic cap at this time. This is acceptable.</p>	<p><i>The RTH container must be hung in an inverted position for proper product flow.</i></p>
	<p>10 Follow pump priming and operation directions provided with feeding set.</p>	<p><i>Proper setup is essential to assure accurate and effective pump functioning.</i></p>
	<p>11 Discard opened, unused formula within 24 to 48 hours.</p>	<p><i>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.</i></p>

PREVENTING READY-TO-HANG VACUUM

A vacuum in the RTH containers is rare but it can occur when the product settles into the space between the spike and the foil seal on the bottle. This may block air movement into the bottle as the fluid is displaced. Shaking the RTH container vigorously back and forth in a twisting motion for at least 10 seconds before hanging the product and shaking the container periodically during the feeding cycle will help to minimize settling. When the container is spiked, twisting the piercing pin with a sideways (rocking) motion will help open the foil seal and maintain a path for air to flow into the bottle.

REMINDER

- If feeding set is disconnected from feeding tube for a prolonged period of time, 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 13° and 24°C in the shipper in a dry area or in closed cabinets.
- If there is potential for contact with body fluids, e.g., 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.