Feeding tubes are indicated for administration of nutritional supplements and in patients that have an inability to swallow.

Types of feeding tubes include: nasogastric tube (temporary) and gastrostomy tubes (G tube).

Types of G tubes include those that are surgically placed, percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy tubes, PEG tubes, and jejunal tubes (J-tube).

Complications include: leaks, bleeding around the site, and displacement of the tube.

Supportive Care

1. Medical Supportive Care Protocol.

2. If catheter is completely out, apply direct pressure to site.

3. If there is bleeding at the site, apply direct pressure.

ALS Level 1

None

ALS Level 2 (Physician Authorization Required)

None