

Ceasing of Prescription Requests for Enteral Tube Feeds

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From the 1st of April 2017, enteral tube feeds will no longer be required to be prescribed on FP10 prescriptions by GPs in BwD or EL CCGs. From this date onwards, the dietetic department at ELHT will order any feeds administered via an enteral tube directly from the contracted provider.

Patients will not be affected by this change in the ordering pathway and their deliveries will continue as normal. All patients will remain under the supervision of the dietetic department unless the enteral feeding tube is removed, at which point the patient will be discharged from the service. Clinicians will continue to receive correspondence which will outline patient progress as well as provide up to date and accurate information on treatment with enteral feeds.

The dietetic department will shortly be contacting practices informing them of the above change and advising them to make enteral tube feeds 'Hospital Only' on the patient's repeat medication list.

In order to maintain a complete and up-to-date list of a patient's medication, practices are strongly advised to add ALL long term medication which is prescribed by other providers onto the patient's electronic medication record under 'Hospital Only'. Access to a complete medication profile will facilitate safe prescribing - reducing the risk of interactions, hospital admissions and harm to the patient.

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