

G-Tube Education: Home Feeding Pump

Here are the supplies you will get from the home health Kangaroo pump company:

- Tubing and bags for feedings
- A pole to hang the feeding bag
- A pump to control the feeding
- A backpack for feeding while on the go
- Extension sets (8 each month) with a special connector
- An emergency gravity feeding set in case the pump stops working
- Replacement buttons for the doctor to change as your baby grows
- Formula (your baby's food)
- Split gauze for changing dressings
- Sterile saline wipes
- Different types of tape
- Catheters to place in the opening if the button comes out

The company will call you every month to ask what supplies you need before they send them.

Steps to run the home feeding Pump:



1. Turn on the pump by pressing the on/off button.
2. Press the “rate/dose” button until you see “rate” on the screen. Set the rate to _____.
(You can save this or change it each time.)
3. Press the “rate/dose” button again until you see “dose.” Set the dose to _____.
(You can save this or change it each time.)
4. Press the “food/type” button. Choose formula or breast milk.
(You must do this every time.)
5. Open the door by pressing between the two lines.
6. Load the tubing. Make sure the rubber band part is on the left.
(It only fits one way and will snap into place.)
7. Close the door.
8. Attach the extension tubing.
(Hospital tubing may need an extra Christmas tree piece. Home supplies already have it.)
9. Press and hold the “prime” button until the milk or formula fills the tubing. Let go to stop.
10. Press “run” to start.
 - You will hear the pump working
 - You will see a circle arrow moving on the screen

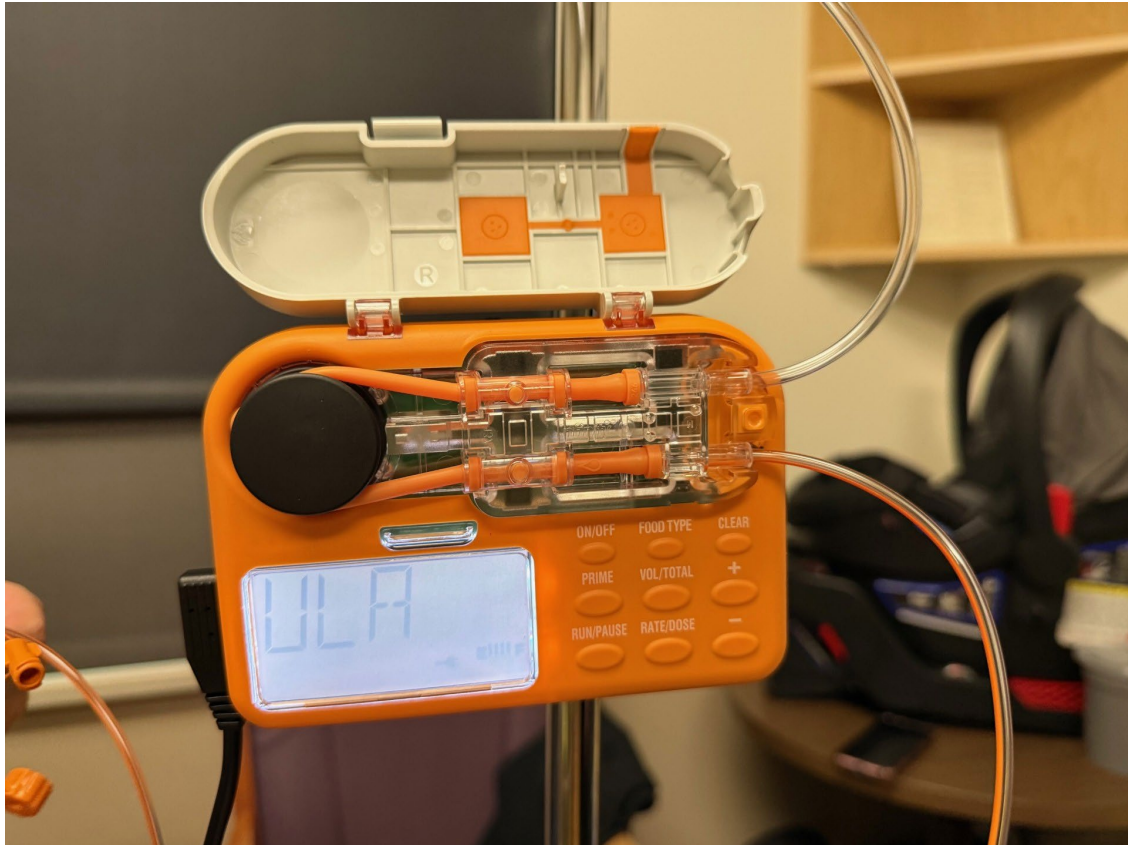
Important: If any step is missed, the pump will not run.

11. Remove the feeding tube from the baby and close the plug.

12. When the feeding is done:

- Add a small amount of water (5–10 mL) to the bag, or use a bottle with water
- Use the prime button to run water through the tubing to clean it
- You can let the water go into a cup

13. Run air through the tubing after the water to help dry it.

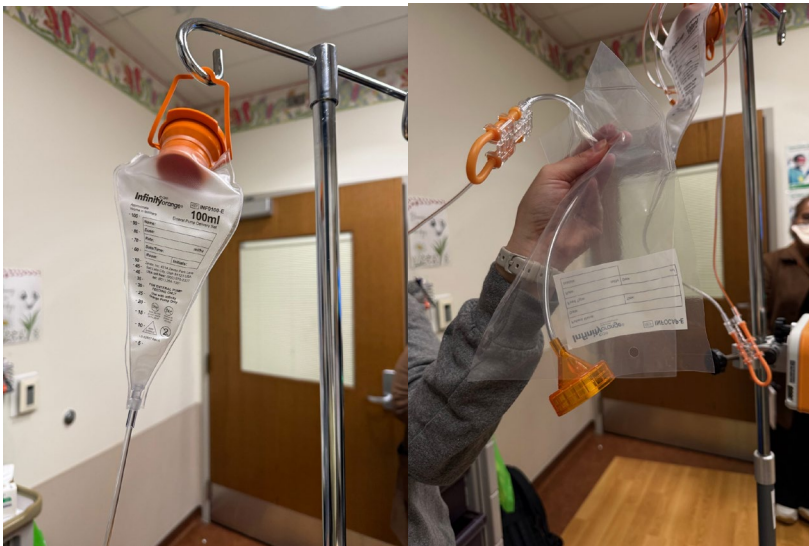


Key Points:

- Change the feeding bag (or bottle) and tubing every 24 hours.
- Wash the extension set (the part that connects to your baby) after each feeding and keep using it.
- After each feeding:
 - Run clean, room temperature water through the tubing using the “prime” button
 - Then run air through the tubing using “prime” to help dry it
- Add 2–3 extra mL to the feeding amount because some will stay in the tubing and be wasted

- The phone number on the pump connects you to nurses 24 hours a day, 7 days a week if you have any problems with the pump

Two types of feeding devices: a bag and a place to directly hook up a bottle:



G-tube dressing change:

1. Wash your hands.
2. Take off the old dressing.
3. Clean the skin around the G-tube with sterile water or saline. Then dry the area well.
4. Wash your hands again. Put on clean gloves if you have them.
5. Turn the button all the way around, then turn it a little more (about ¼ turn).
6. Place split gauze around the site.
7. Tape the gauze to the skin in a tic-tac-toe pattern.
8. Make sure some tape goes over part of the button to help keep it from moving.



How to connect extension tubing to button for a feed:

1. Line up the two black lines on the button and the extension tubing.
2. Gently press down.
3. Turn the extension tubing in the direction of the arrow to lock it in place.

