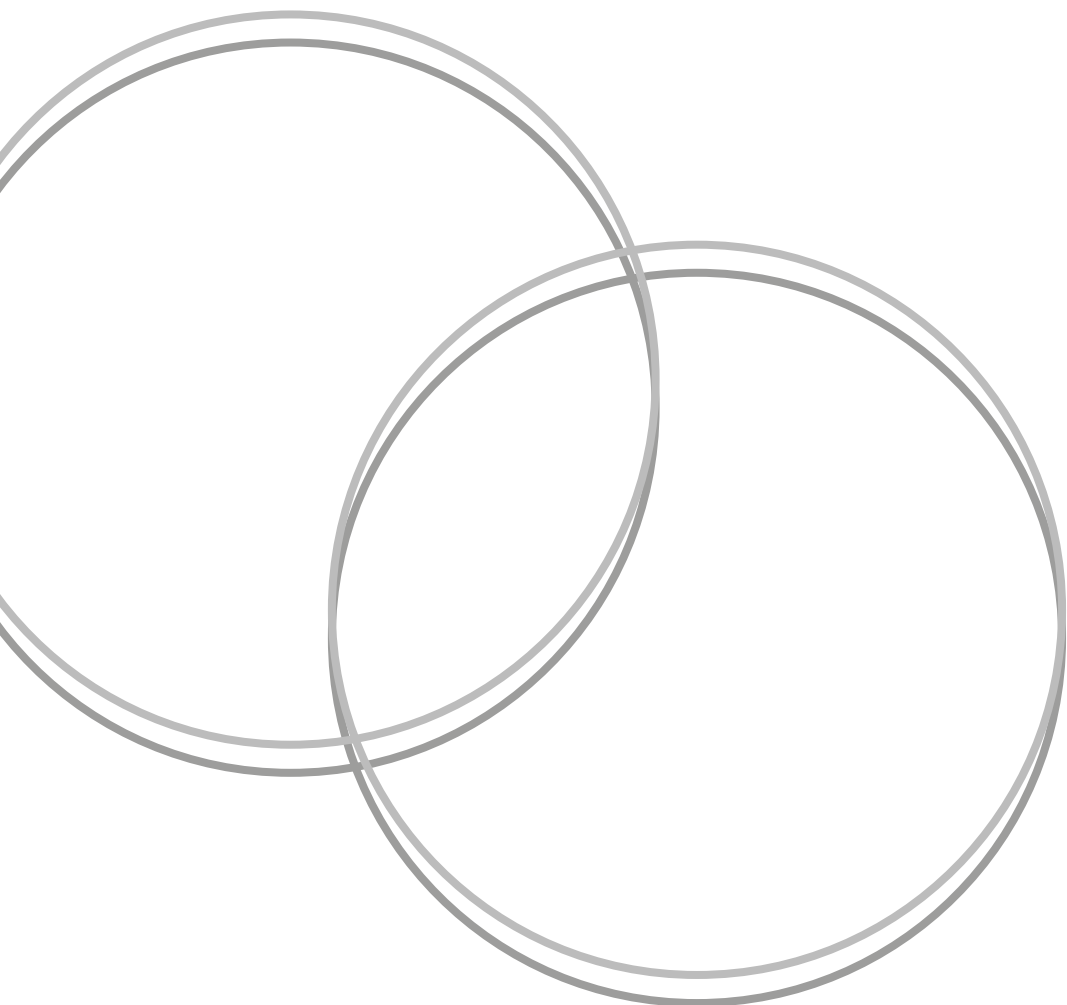


Removal of your Surgical Jejunostomy Feeding Tube

Information for patients



Removal of a surgical jejunostomy feeding tube requires cutting of the sutures and removal of the tube. This can be done by a qualified healthcare professional in a clinic setting and is a simple and painless procedure.

Prior to the tube removal:

You do not need to make any dietary changes prior to the removal of your surgical jejunostomy feeding tube. Please eat and drink as usual in the lead up to your appointment.

Following the tube removal:

Following the removal of your jejunostomy tube, you may notice a small amount of leakage until the hole is fully healed. This will settle within 2-3 days and should only lightly stain a dressing rather than requiring multiple dressing changes per day.

A dressing will be applied, and this should be replaced every 24 hours for 2-3 days, or until the dressing is dry. You will be provided with a small supply of dressings at the time of the tube removal.

When the dressing is removed, clean the skin with mild soap and water and a clean, soft cloth.

Avoid submerging the jejunostomy site in the bath or swimming for at least 3 days following removal of the tube or until any leakage has settled.

Following this you will be able to return to your usual daily activities including swimming and bathing, as able.

In the unlikely event that you experience bleeding or pain, please contact your GP or call 111 for further guidance.

Further information

If you would like an interpreter, please speak to the department where you are being seen.

Please also tell them if you would like this information in another format, such as:

- Easy Read
- large print
- braille
- audio
- electronic
- another language.

We have tried to make the information in this leaflet meet your needs. If it does not meet your individual needs or situation, please speak to your healthcare team. They are happy to help.

Author: OUH UGI Dietetics

August 2026

Review: August 2029

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

www.ouh.nhs.uk/information



Making a difference across our hospitals

charity@ouh.nhs.uk | 01865 743 444 | hospitalcharity.co.uk

OXFORD HOSPITALS CHARITY (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1175809)

