Ask the Pharmacist about…
- drug-nutrient interactions
- drug-drug interactions
- adverse drug reactions
- appropriate dosage form
- risk of a drug clogging the tube
- whether location of the feeding tube’s distal end allows safe and adequate drug delivery

Water
- to dilute medications (including liquid meds)
- to routinely flush the tube
- flush before/after each medication administered using an amount appropriate for the patient’s age and condition
- use water ONLY (no carbonated beverages, juices, coffee, other liquids)

Administer medications
- identify if tube location (distal end) allows for safe and adequate drug delivery
- 1 medication at a time – do not mix drugs together
- do not add medication directly to formula
- identify medications that must be separated from formula by ≥30 minutes

Remember the ‘Rights’
- right patient, drug, time, dose, route (PO ≠ via tube)
- right syringe, drug formulation, dilution, tube and medication port
  Only: - oral or enteral syringes
  - immediate-release solid or oral liquid dosage forms

Establish evidence-based protocols
- follow your facility’s medication protocols
- establish specific enteral medication protocols based on:
  - National Guidelines
  - Practice Recommendations
  - www.nutritioncare.org/safety

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