

## Guide to New Enteral Feeding Connections



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# Connecting for Greater Patient Safety

## IDENTIFYING A PROBLEM

*IVs and enteral ports have had very similar connections. An error in connection could result in enteral formula being delivered into a vein or IV medication being delivered into the stomach, either of which could cause serious health risks. In order to minimize these risks, Covidien's enteral feeding connections are changing.*

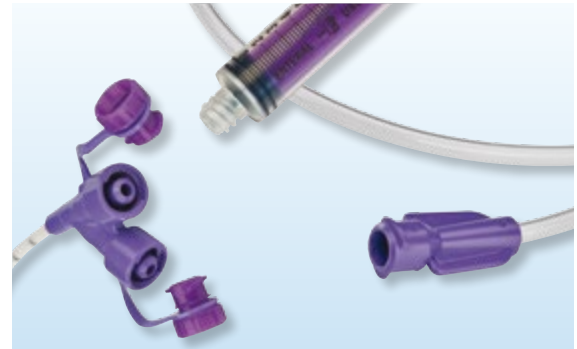
## CURRENT CONNECTIONS

Covidien, as one of the leading manufacturers of enteral feeding devices, has already made some changes that provided interim solutions to make connections safer. If you are using Covidien products, your connections probably look like this, with a “friction” fit, slip on connection.



## NEW CONNECTIONS

The new connections, adopted by leading enteral feeding manufacturers, have a twist-on type connection that looks like this.



## TIMELINE FOR NEW CONNECTIONS

Initially, all sets will ship with a white stepped connector. The white transition connector will allow you to connect to feeding tubes and extension sets with the older design until all components have converted to the new design. Components that have converted to the new design will be labeled as the **ENFit Connection System**.

\*Pending 510(k) clearance, these products are not currently available for sale in the U.S.

## CONVERSION TIMELINE

### Spring 2015\*

#### Feeding Sets

OLD



NEW



### Early 2016\*

#### Syringes, Extension Sets

OLD



NEW



#### Feeding tubes, Access devices

OLD



NEW



For more information go to [www.covidien.com/SafeEnteralConnections](http://www.covidien.com/SafeEnteralConnections)

## GEDSA

Covidien is a charter member of GEDSA. The Global Enteral Device Supplier Association (GEDSA) was formed to help introduce international standards in medical device tubing connectors, intended to enhance patient safety.

[www.GEDSA.org](http://www.GEDSA.org)<sup>†</sup>



## Stay Connected

Stay Connected is a communications program created by GEDSA to facilitate a successful transition to new, ENFit connectors intended to promote compatibility and consistency while reducing the likelihood of tubing misconnections. The Stay Connected initiative will help gradually introduce new standard connectors for specific delivery systems, including neuraxial, limb cuff inflation, and respiratory applications.

### Sign Up to Stay Connected

To sign up for email updates with the latest information and tools to help you with this transition, visit:

[www.StayConnected2014.org](http://www.StayConnected2014.org)<sup>†</sup>



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