

A tube through your nose into your stomach (for short term use) known as an NG-tube.

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- A tube put through the skin into your stomach (long-term use) known as a PEG-tube.

Does tube-feeding work?

A gentle pump or large syringe is used to put liquid food into the body through a tube.

The most common pathways are:

Tube feeding  you live well with illness or disability. It works best if:

- You are healthy enough, even with your illness or disability, to benefit from feeding.
- Your illness or disability makes it hard to swallow or take in enough nutrition.

Tube feeding  you live well if:

- Your body is failing despite treatment and death is likely in the near future.

Long-term tube feeding helps many people live longer lives and in better health.

It may be the right choice for you if:

- You cannot swallow safely because you have a head, neck or throat cancer.
- Muscles in your throat are weakened by:
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Long-term tube feeding facts - what you should know

Are there side effects with tube-feeding?

- Liquid food given through a tube can spill over
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