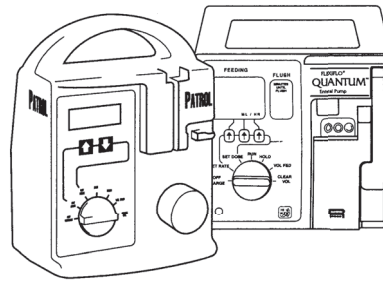
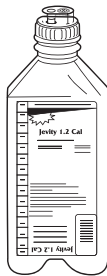


READY-TO-HANG

Suggested Setup Procedure

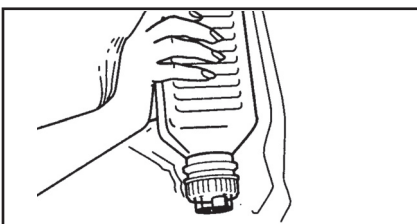
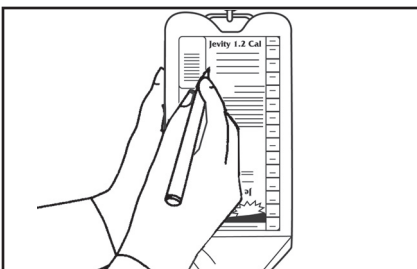
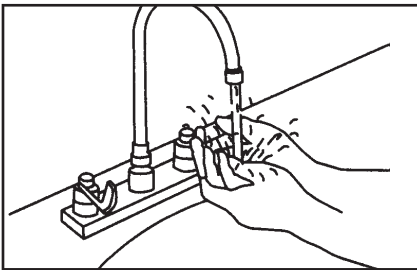
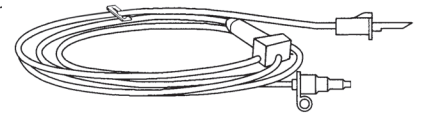
Ready-To-Hang (RTH) Prefilled Enteral Feeding Containers can hang safely up to 48 hours when a new RTH container is spiked with a new feeding set using clean technique. Using only one feeding set per RTH container helps control the introduction of microbes from touch contamination. If more than one feeding set is used or if more than one RTH container is used with a single feeding set, the maximum safe hangtime is 24 hours.

Ready-To-Hang Container



Enteral Pump

Piercing Pin Feeding Set



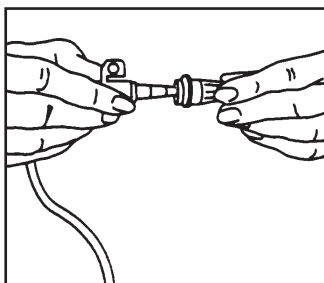
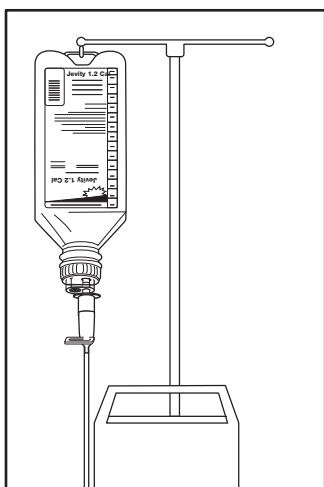
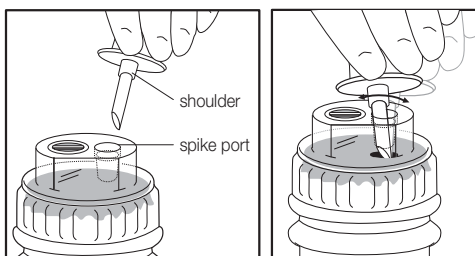
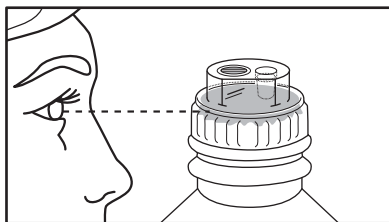
ACTION

RATIONALE

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| 1. Thoroughly wash hands with soap and water before handling container or feeding set. | Hands are major sources of microbial contamination. Hand washing is one of the best ways to minimize touch contamination and subsequent product spoilage. |
| 2. Obtain Ready-To-Hang container and appropriate piercing pin feeding set. | Feeding set must be appropriate for the enteral pump being used. |
| 3. Fill in information on label (ie, patient name, room, date, start time, and rate). Also mark feeding set with start date and time. | Proper identification and dating are essential for patient safety. Use formula, container, and tubing for 24 hours, or up to 48 hours after initial spike, when clean technique and only one new feeding set are used. |
| 4. Turn container upside down and <i>shake vigorously</i> , using twisting motion, for at least 10 seconds. | Proper shaking ensures uniform consistency and proper product flow — particularly of fiber-containing or viscous formulas. |
| 5. Holding bottle with one hand, lift tab to remove sticker. Take care not to touch spike port, piercing pin, or any part that comes in contact with formula. | Preventing touch contamination helps prevent introduction of microbes. |

READY-TO-HANG

Suggested Setup Procedure



ACTION

RATIONALE

- Do not remove clear plastic cap. Visually inspect foil for signs of leakage. Foil should be unbroken. If you see leakage, do not use.
- Close slide clamp on feeding set (if there is one). If a pump set with flush bag is used, close the slide clamp on the flush line.
- Remove piercing pin cover. To spike, insert piercing pin completely into spike port with a sideways (rocking) motion until no further insertion is possible and then turn piercing pin $\frac{1}{4}$ turn. Do not touch piercing pin or spike port during this maneuver.
- Invert container and suspend, using hanging feature on bottom of container. Formula usually appears under clear plastic cap at this time. This is acceptable.
- Follow pump priming and operation directions provided with feeding set.
- Discard opened, unused formula within 24 to 48 hours.
- Change all ancillary feeding supplies (flushing syringes, adapter covers, etc) at least every 24 hours.

REMINDER

- If feeding set is disconnected from feeding tube, cover adapter at distal end of feeding set with provided adapter cover to reduce risk of touch contamination. If pump has a holder for adapter cover, store adapter cover in holder during feeding. Remember to discard adapter cover when you throw away the feeding set.
- Store unopened containers between 32° and 95°F in the shipper in a dry area or in closed cabinets.
- If there is potential for contact with body fluids, eg, gastric contents, during connection of feeding set to feeding tube, use universal precautions.
- Never add any substances to the container. They may interact with formula, introduce contaminants, and compromise container integrity, all of which will drastically reduce safe hangtime.