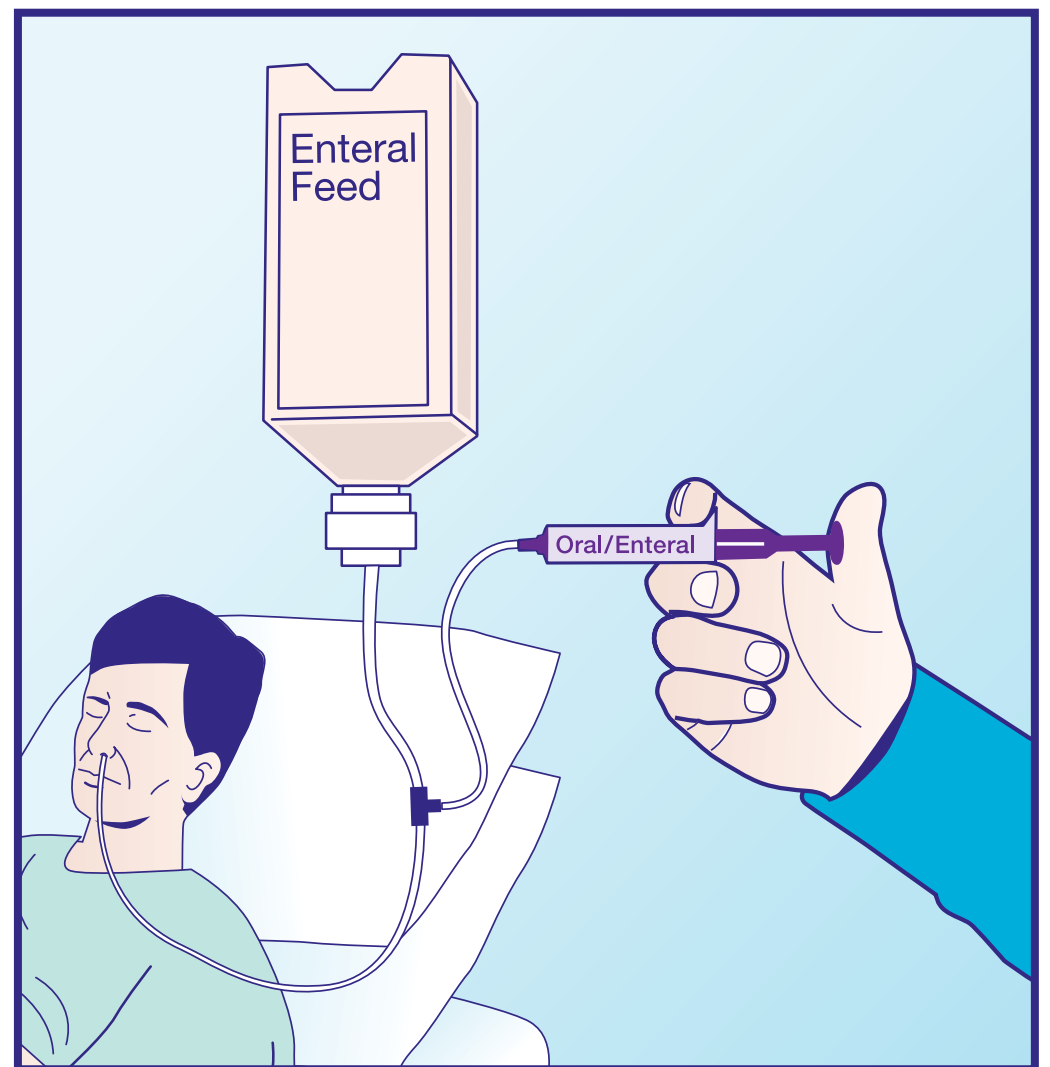
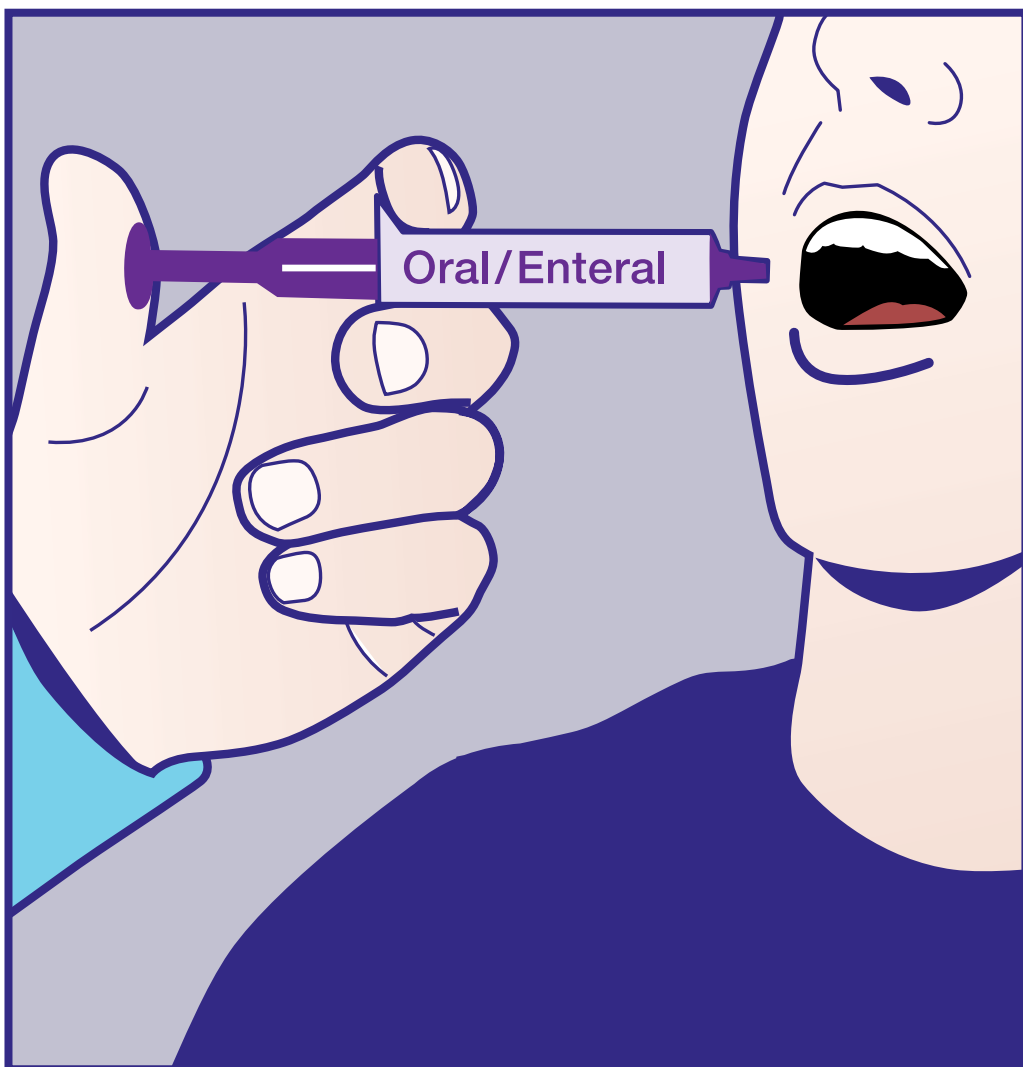


Only use oral & enteral syringes

to measure and administer oral and enteral liquid medicines



The National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA) has issued safer practice recommendations on how to safely measure and administer oral and enteral liquid medicines:

- An appropriate oral/enteral syringe should be used to measure oral liquid medicine if a medicine spoon or graduated measure cannot be used.
- Only use well-labelled oral/enteral syringes that do not allow connection to intravenous catheters or ports.
- Enteral feeding systems should not contain ports that allow connection to intravenous syringes.
- Three-way taps and syringe tip adaptors should not be used in enteral feeding systems as they allow connection design safeguards to be bypassed.
- Catheter tip syringes are commonly used in practice to measure and administer large volumes of medicines and feeds. These syringes are not sufficiently accurate to measure or administer small volumes of these medicines.

For further information, go to www.npsa.nhs.uk