Guidelines

Patient requires medication via enteral tube

■ Refer to medication administration plan

■ Assemble necessary equipment

■ Stop feed at agreed time
(include feed break if required)

■ Flush tube with 30 ml of water

■ Administer individual drug as per best-practice
guidelines (see 'Useful resources')

Is the tube blocked?

Yes

No

■ Seek advice urgently

Is this the final medication?

Yes

No

■ **Flush with
appropriate
volume before
next medication**
(usually 10 ml but
check licence)

■ Flush tube with 30 ml of water

■ Feed break if required

■ Resume feed