

Take the Eliminate Misconnections Pledge

I pledge to do my part to help eliminate misconnections in the NICU. Neonatal patient care is important and these fragile but resilient patients deserve the best care I can provide. I understand misconnection errors can occur for many reasons including human factors, enteral feeding product design issues and other causes. While I understand that not all of these factors are under my complete control, I pledge to do my part by following the guidelines outlined by the US Joint Committee on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) Sentinel Alert on enteral feeding, as well as my institution's own procedures. Together we can eliminate misconnections in the NICU.

- I will ask that my institution buy products with the highest levels of enteral feeding safety including designed incompatibility, clear color markings to denote enteral feeding tubes and “Enteral Feeding Only” tags.
- I will ask my institution to avoid buying enteral equipment that can mate with female Luer connectors, more specifically, avoid purchase of gastrointestinal tubes that have female Luer connectors.
- I will explain to nonclinical staff and visitors not to reconnect lines but to seek clinical assistance. Only clinicians or users knowledgeable about the use of the device should make a reconnection.
- I will not modify or adapt IV or feeding devices because doing so may compromise the safety features incorporated into their design.
- When making a reconnection, I will trace lines back to their origins and then ensure that they are secure.
- On arriving at a new setting or as part of a handoff process, I will recheck connections and trace all tubes.
- I will be sure to identify and confirm the solution's label, because a three-in-one parenteral nutrition solution can appear similar to an enteral nutrition formulation bag. I will label the bags with large, bold statements such as “WARNING! For Enteral Use Only—NOT for IV Use”.



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By signing this pledge we would will proudly display your name and institution as fighting misconnections in the NICU on www.EliminateMisconnections.com!

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