

## Routine gastrojejunostomy (GJ) tube changes

GJ tubes should be replaced in Pediatric Interventional Radiology every 3 to 4 months. Call **(904) 202-8681** Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM to schedule.

### What problems can happen with a GJ tube?

Internal clogging	Internal malposition (tube recoils into stomach)
Retention balloon leak or rupture	Internal tube defect (no separation between G and J lumens)
Partial or complete dislodgement	Broken extension stem in valve
Leaking or broken valves	Various stoma (skin) problems

### Instructions for GJ tube problems:

For GJ tube specific problems, contact **Pediatric Interventional Radiology** at Wolfson Children's Hospital. **GJ tubes will be replaced 7 days a week between 7:30 AM and 4 PM**  
Here is how you can reach us:

- Monday – Friday (7:30 AM – 4:00 PM): **(904) 202-8175**
- Weekends & Holidays: **(904) 202-8136**

### Important notes:

- If the GJ tube falls out, place the end of the old tube into the stoma 2 inches and tape it into place. This will keep the stoma from closing. **DO NOT FEED** through the tube. Contact **Pediatric Interventional Radiology** for further instructions.
- Every child has different nutritional needs that depend on a child's age and medical condition. While most children can go without feedings or fluids for 12 hours without any harm, some children may need IV fluids or other forms of supplemental nutrition until the GJ tube can be replaced.
- If your child cannot go without fluids, has a metabolic disease, or cannot skip a dose of medication (please check with your healthcare provider which medications cannot be skipped), then go to the [Wolfson Children's Emergency Room – Downtown Jacksonville](#) until a GJ tube replacement can be arranged.