

Procedure For Administration Of PANCRECARB® (pancrelipase) MS-4 In Applesauce through A Mic-Key® Gastrostomy Tube

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Supplies:

1. Applesauce Baby Food – (Stage 1 or Stage 2)
2. MIC-KEY® Gastrostomy Tube -14 French or larger (a smaller tube will result in enzymes getting clogged in the tube).
3. PANCRECARB® (pancrelipase) MS-4 Capsule(s).
4. 35 cc straight tip syringe.
5. Small spoon or a food stir stick, i.e. straw, coffee stick.
6. Medicine cup or small bowl.

Procedure:

1. Wash and dry hands thoroughly.
2. Place approximately 5-10 mL (about 2 heaping teaspoons) of applesauce baby food into a medicine cup or small bowl for every three (3) PANCRECARB® MS-4 capsules used.
3. Carefully open the PANCRECARB® MS-4 capsules and pour the enzyme microspheres into the applesauce.
4. Stir the mixture. Use mixture immediately.
5. Remove the plunger of a 35cc straight tip syringe and immediately spoon the mixture of applesauce and enzyme microspheres into the syringe.
6. If a feeding tube is attached, remove it from the button. Place the syringe tip directly into the MIC-KEY® Gastrostomy button.
7. Put the plunger back in the syringe. Note: the mixture will begin to flow out of the syringe as soon as the plunger is in place. Make sure the syringe tip is already in the G-tube button to prevent spillage.
8. Press down on the plunger until all of the mixture has been administered.
9. Flush MIC-KEY® tube with 10-20 mL of water to be sure the button is clear.
10. Remove the syringe and (re)attach the feeding tube.
11. Discard any unused applesauce/enzyme microsphere mixture.

Tips For Administration Of PANCRECARB® (pancrelipase) MS-4 In Applesauce through A Mic-Key® Gastrostomy Tube

1. NEVER MIX WATER WITH THE APPLESAUCE OR ENZYME MICROSPHERES. THE WATER MAKES THE MICROSPHERES STICKY AND THEY WILL CLOG THE TUBE.
2. The preferred method of taking enzymes is orally if the patient is able.
3. The patient must have a 14 French or larger feeding tube in order to administer PANCRECARB® (pancrelipase) MS-4 enzyme microspheres. A smaller tube will result in the enzyme microspheres getting clogged in the tube or syringe.
4. Do not put PANCRECARB® MS-4 enzyme microspheres through a nasogastric (NG) feeding tube or a Foley catheter. The enzyme microspheres will clog the tube regardless of tube size.
5. When using the Applesauce Procedure any brand of Stage 1 or Stage 2 Baby Food Applesauce will work. The consistency of the baby food applesauce will allow the enzyme microspheres to be suspended for easier administration.
6. Use a 35 cc "straight tip" syringe for enzyme microsphere administration. The mixture is easier to spoon into the opening of a syringe of this size.
7. Once the enzyme microspheres are mixed with applesauce, spoon them into the top of the syringe rather than trying to draw them up from the tip. Administer the enzyme microspheres immediately after being mixed and spooned in the syringe.

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