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**Approach to Adult Patient Unable to Maintain Nutrition**

*Numbers refer to Flow Chart Reference Sheet on page 4*

1. Adult Patient Unable to Maintain Nutrition

2. Perform global assessment and attempt corrective action.


4. Discuss components of PEG and time-limited trial with specific goals.


6. Careful attention to comfort care, consider hospice referral, complete MOLST (eMOLST).

7. Continue treatment as needed.

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