

Benefits/Burdens of Tube Feeding/PEG Placement for Adults

**Patient/Family/Clinician Information
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GOALS FOR CARE

DISEASES	Prolongs Life	Improves Quality of Life or Functional Ability³	Enables a Cure or Reverses the Disease Process
Stroke (good health in general before this)	Likely	Up to 25% regain ability to swallow	Not Likely
Stroke (in poor health before this)	Likely in the short term	Not Likely	Not Likely
	Not likely in the long term		
Neurodegenerative Disease [for example, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)] ¹	Likely	Uncertain	Not Likely
Persistent Vegetative State (PVS) ²	Likely	Not Likely	Not Likely
Advanced Organ Failure	Not Likely	Not Likely	Not Likely
Frailty	Not Likely	Not Likely	Not Likely
Advanced Dementia	Not Likely	Not Likely	Not Likely
Advanced Cancer	Not Likely	Not Likely	Not Likely

This information is based predominately on a consensus of current expert opinion. It is not exhaustive.

There are always patients who provide exceptions to the rule.

1. A severe disease affecting the brain and spinal cord.
2. Person with severe brain damage with no awareness.
3. Ability to do things like eating, dressing, going to the bathroom without assistance.

- Guidelines are intended to be flexible. They serve as reference points or recommendations, not rigid criteria. Guidelines should be followed in most cases, but there is an understanding that, depending on the patient, the setting, the circumstances, or other factors, care can and should be tailored to fit individual needs. For patients associated with OPWDD a separate process must be followed, see OPWDD checklists.