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9. Line up the black line on the feeding set connector with the black line on the top of the MINI.

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If the balloon has burst: Do not remove the Mini Compact Balloon Button unless you have a spare device and are able to replace it. Contact your nearest hospital as soon as possible!

**Feeding & Administration of Medicines**

To prevent blockages, Mini Compact Balloon Button should be flushed with 10-20ml (or as advised by your healthcare professional) of water (in line with Trust guidance) before and after feeding or administering medicines.

You should also flush in-between giving medications, to reduce the risk of those medications reacting with each other and potentially causing a blockage of the device. **If the feed is continuous then the Mini Compact Balloon Button should be flushed as advised and at least daily if the button has not been used.**

**Stoma Problems**

Contact the healthcare professional if:
- There is some extra shiny pink tissue around the stoma site
- The gastrostomy site seems persistently red or is bleeding, oozing, irritated or swollen
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**Blockage**

If Mini Compact Balloon Button becomes blocked you may attempt to unblock it by trying to flush with 10ml of warm water. Push plunger of syringe backward and forwards. If this fails to unblock the device you should contact the healthcare professional who usually advises you or change if you know how.

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Always wash your hands before and after:
- Care of the device
- Administration of feeds or medication

**Daily care:**

Clean, rotate and observe the stoma site at least once per day.

**Line up the black mark on the button and insert feeding set.**

**Rotate the feeding set following the arrow until you feel resistance (¼ turn). Do not push past this point.**

**To stop pulling on the tube, tape feeding set during feeding or winding.**

**For winding connect syringe to the feeding set without the plunger and open the clamp.**

**If a dressing is necessary or creams are required, apply as advised.**

**Leaving the device in place, re-inflate the balloon using sterile water or water in line with Trust guidance. The healthcare professional who advises you on the care of your button, feeding or medication administration will advise you on this. See picture 8.**

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