

2006 Feeding Tube Survey

During the Fall of 2006, Philadelphia Coordinated Healthcare (PCHC) surveyed provider agencies throughout the Southeastern Region of Pennsylvania regarding their use of feeding tubes.

How many were surveyed and how many responded?

Number of agencies surveyed = 60
Number of agencies supporting people using feeding tubes = 30

People receiving services and those with feeding tubes.

Number of people receiving services in agencies surveyed = 5402
Number of people with feeding tubes = 295

Types of feeding tubes used...

Percentage of people with...
G Tubes = 76%
J Tubes = 13.5%
GJ Tubes = <1%
Not Specified = 9%

When necessary, who replaces the tubes?

Nurse = 47%
Emergency Room = 33%
Physician in non-emergency setting = 20%

Who provides staff education?

Nurse = 76%
Nurse and physician = 24%

Because the use of feeding tubes has increased in the community, it was determined that people would benefit from informational resources on feeding tubes – caregivers, families, and especially people with feeding tubes.

PCHC would like to thank the agencies who helped compile information on feeding tube usage in the Southeast region. Any comments regarding the information contained in this packet are welcome.