

FEEDING TUBE CONNECTORS

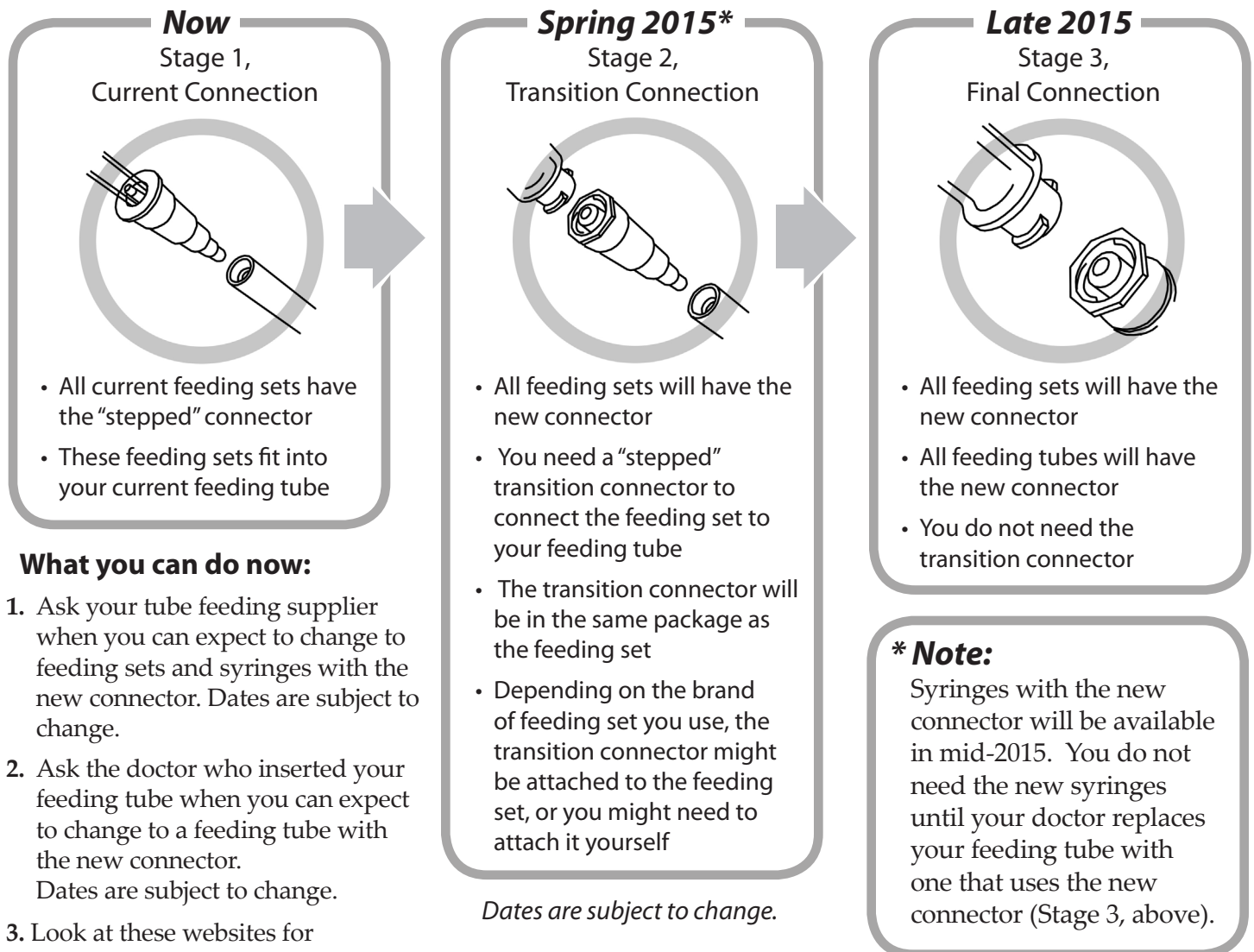
Attention: Home tube feeding clients and family members

There are new standards for feeding tube connectors. New connectors will be introduced to improve patient safety. The new connectors will prevent connections between medical devices that are not supposed to attach.

The new connectors will be introduced in different stages for use in hospitals, care facilities and at home. You need to know how the new connectors will impact you.

The new standards will affect:

- Feeding sets for giving formula
- Feeding tubes
- Syringes for flushing the tube, bolus feeding and giving medication



What you can do now:

1. Ask your tube feeding supplier when you can expect to change to feeding sets and syringes with the new connector. Dates are subject to change.
2. Ask the doctor who inserted your feeding tube when you can expect to change to a feeding tube with the new connector. Dates are subject to change.
3. Look at these websites for more information:
 - GEDSA (Global Enteral Device Supplier Association): Stay Connected 2015 www.stayconnected.org
 - The Oley Foundation: Enteral Nutrition Connectors www.oley.org/EN_Connector_Articles.html