

Bolee® Bag & Bolink® Large Cap

Case Study #2

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Patient Background:

- 61-Year old male
- Base of tongue cancer starting in 2008
- Seventeen year treatment history includes tonsillectomy and attempted chemoradiation, partial glossectomy, immunotherapy in combination with docetaxel, cisplatin, and fluorouracil
- Supportive spouse who is also a highly skilled nurse
- Has a traditional G-Tube (dangler)

Nutrition Issues

During his most recent course of treatment, the patient struggled with gaining weight, which was felt to be due to tumor burden. Blenderized nutrition in pouches was trialed in addition to traditional cartons.

Nutrition Delivery Challenges

Bolus syringes were difficult to use.

Bolee Bag

- Reusable up to 15 times
- Holds up to 500mL
- Reimbursed with the Bolink Large Cap as gravity tube feeding - HCPCS B4036
- Wide mouth opening for easy filling



Solution

- The patient was provided samples of the Bolee® Bag and Bolink® Large Cap with the different types of nutrition and containers.
- Patient chose cartons of high-calorie standard formula, utilizing eight cartons a day with the Bolee Bag and Bolink Large Cap.
- Patient would also dilute the formula with water, mixing them together in the Bolee Bags to aid in getting adequate hydration.

RESULT

• Clinician Support

The patient's clinician provided nutrition and tube feeding delivery options and samples that she felt would best lead to patient success. The patient was able to determine what worked best for him and his caregiver.

• Weight Gain

The patient was able to gain weight after switching to the correct nutrition and using the Bolee Bag and Bolink Large Cap for delivery.



Conclusion

The Bolee Bag and Bolink Large Cap helped with easing the burden of tube feeding administration and helped to promote weight gain. Bolee Bags can also be used with both blenderized and standard formulas.