**Patient safety and nutrition – is there a connection?**

**Lay abstract**: Feeding a hospital patient via a tube is not always seen as having the potential to cause harm for the patient. This article comments on this and aims to raise awareness of the potential patient safety risks inherent to feeding a patient through a tube. Suggestions of how to improve the safety of feeding a patient via a tube are also provided.

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