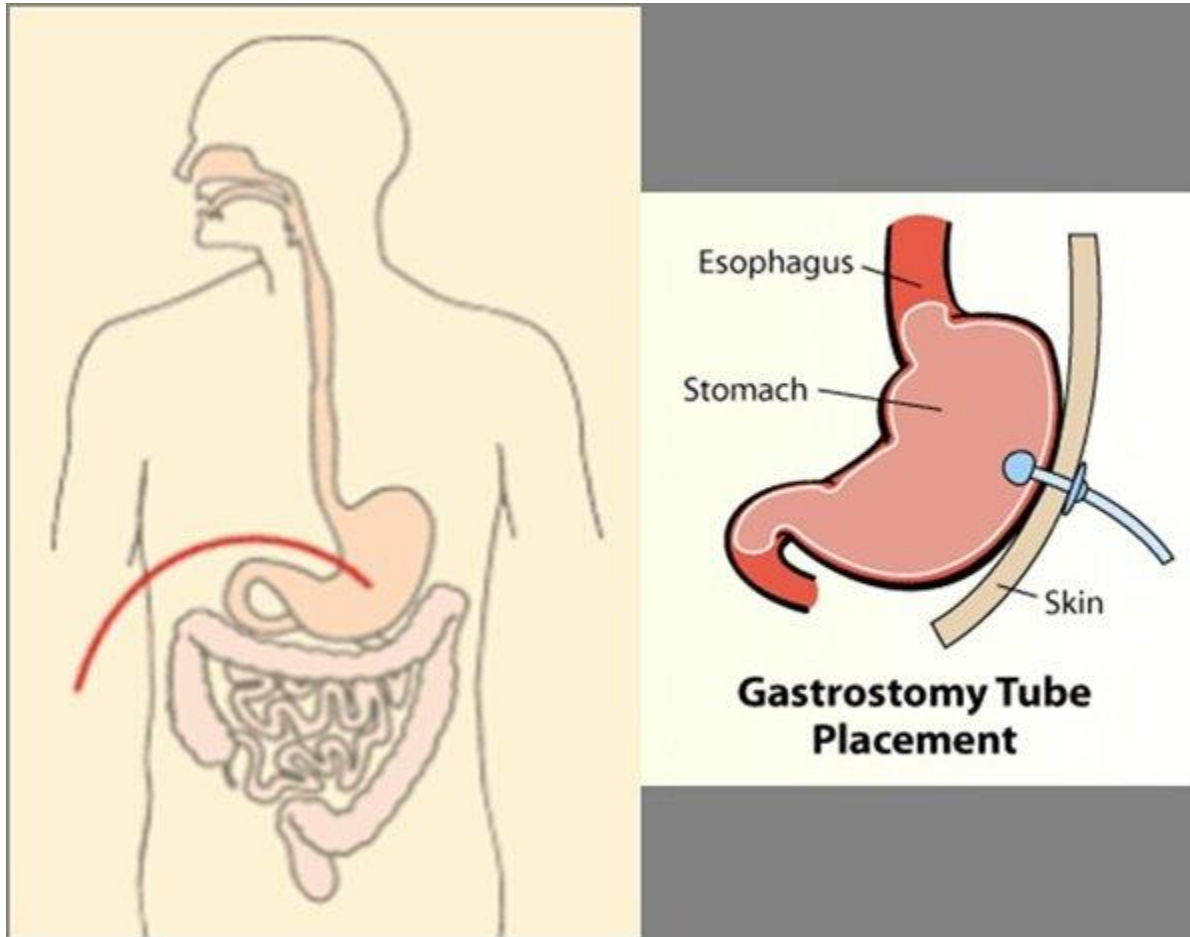


What is a Gastrostomy?



Types of Gastrostomies.



These are the main types of devices used at GOSH:

Percutaneous Endoscope Gastrostomy (PEG)	Malecot tube	Balloon device (tube or button)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A flexible polyurethane tube which is passed down the throat and into the stomach. The end of the tube is brought out through a small incision in the abdomen to allow access for feeding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A flexible rubber tube (catheter) which is inserted through an incision in the abdomen. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are two types available: a gastrostomy tube and a button or low profile device.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can stay in place for about 18 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually a temporary device for the first six to eight weeks, and is then replaced by a balloon device (see right). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The tube can stay in place for about three months, and the button for about six months to one year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held in place using a disk inside the stomach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held in place using wide, flat wings inside the stomach, but may need to be temporarily stitched to the skin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both are held in place in the stomach using a small balloon filled with water.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A feeding adapter may need to be attached for each feed, depending on the type of equipment used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It must be secured with tape and the position tested before each feed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A feeding adapter may need to be attached for each feed, depending on the type of equipment used.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed using an endoscope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed by the clinical nurse specialist. No surgery is necessary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed by deflating the balloon.
		