

# Advanced Practice Summary Report

<b>Project title</b>	Improving the pathway of care for patients with a feeding tube/stoma managed by the Health Home Enteral Nutrition (HEN).
<b>Health service</b>	Austin Health.
<b>Project aim</b>	Improving the pathway of care for patients with a feeding tube/stoma, managed by Austin Health Home Enteral Nutrition (HEN) Service.
<b>Key outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established a multidisciplinary HEN pathway and education plan. The pathway encompassed the patient management journey from initial tube insertion to ongoing care and management.</li> <li>Established dietitian led HEN triage service where a dietitian is the single and consistent point of contact for all gastrostomy tube related issues.</li> <li>Developed a dietetic competency and credentialing package and embedded into the role description and training process for relevant dietitians managing HENS patients. The training package promotes dietetic competency in the assessment, identification and management of feeding tube and stoma site issues.</li> <li>Increased positive patient feedback through introduction of new system; delays to the planned change of tubes and accessing stomal site issues from 74% to 100%.</li> <li>Increased patient centred care and minimised complications associated with gastrostomy tube and stoma site. This achieved by educating patients on feeding tube management, using standardised content and delivery of information to them as an inpatient and upon first outpatient appointment with the dietitian.</li> </ul>
<b>Total investment</b>	<p>Funding provided plus in-kind support: \$67,239</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding costs included: staffing, operational costs, equipment/capital costs</li> </ul>
<b>Resources developed</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gastrostomy pathway protocol</li> <li>Competency standard gastrostomy tube management</li> <li>Patient Feedback Survey</li> </ol>