

Gastrostomy – The young people’s perspective: How does a gastrostomy impact on the life of a young person with a physical disability?

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Introduction

- The study will aim to explore the young person’s experience of having a gastrostomy tube.
- The study should reveal young people’s insights about gastrostomy and possible altered oral feeding giving information about the technical, physical, social, emotional and psychological implications of this on a young disabled person.
- The study should provide recommendations for those involved with the young persons care to more fully understand the young person and to therefore contribute to providing more appropriate support and care to that young person.

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