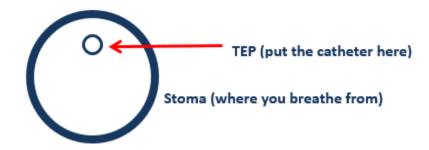


My Catheter or TE Voice Prosthesis Dislodged: What Do I Do?

What to do if the red Robinson rubber catheter or the TE voice prosthesis dislodges from the TEP (hole for your voice prosthesis):

1. Tie a tight knot in the large end of a 14 Fr red Robinson rubber catheter approximately 1-2 inches from the end. Next, insert the "bullet" shaped tip of the catheter into the TEP.



- 2. If you are unable to insert the 14 Fr red Robinson rubber catheter into the TEP, go down one size, and try inserting the 12 Fr red Robinson catheter.
- 3. If unable to insert that size, continue with the smaller sizes (10Fr followed by the 8Fr) until you are able to insert one of the catheters into the TEP.
- 4. If you cannot insert any of the red Robinson rubber catheters into the TEP call:
 - Between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 4:30p.m, Monday-Friday, call Teresa or Anna:
 - o Teresa Lyden, MA, CCC/SLP, (734) 936-8051
 - o Anna Hardenbergh, MA, CCC/SLP, (734) 936-8051

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- After 4:30 p.m. **or** on weekends and holidays call the University of Michigan Operator at (734) 936-4000, and ask them to page the ENT Resident-On-Call at (734) 936-6267.
- 5. Once the catheter is in the TEP, insert all but 1-2 inches of the tube and then tape the catheter to the skin as close to the stoma as you are able. This will secure the catheter in place.
- 6. Once the catheter is successfully inserted, call the Call Center to make an appointment to have your voice prosthesis replaced by your Speech-Language Pathologist (listed below).

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Your Speech-Language Pathologist: Teresa Lyden, MA, CCC/SLP, (734) 936-8051 Anna Hardenbergh, MA, CCC/SLP, (734) 936-8051

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