TUBE FEEDING BY PARENTS IN THE NCCU

Parents can perform gastric tube feeds within the NCCU in the following situations.

1. Infant is not ventilated (including nasal CPAP).
2. Infant is tolerating full enteral feeds and medically stable. Normally this will not occur before the infant reaches 1000gms.
3. Parents have expressed a willingness to take on the procedure and have received education as per the NCCU learning package.
4. Infants must be returned to the incubator/cot for feeds.
5. Medical/CNC approval has been obtained.