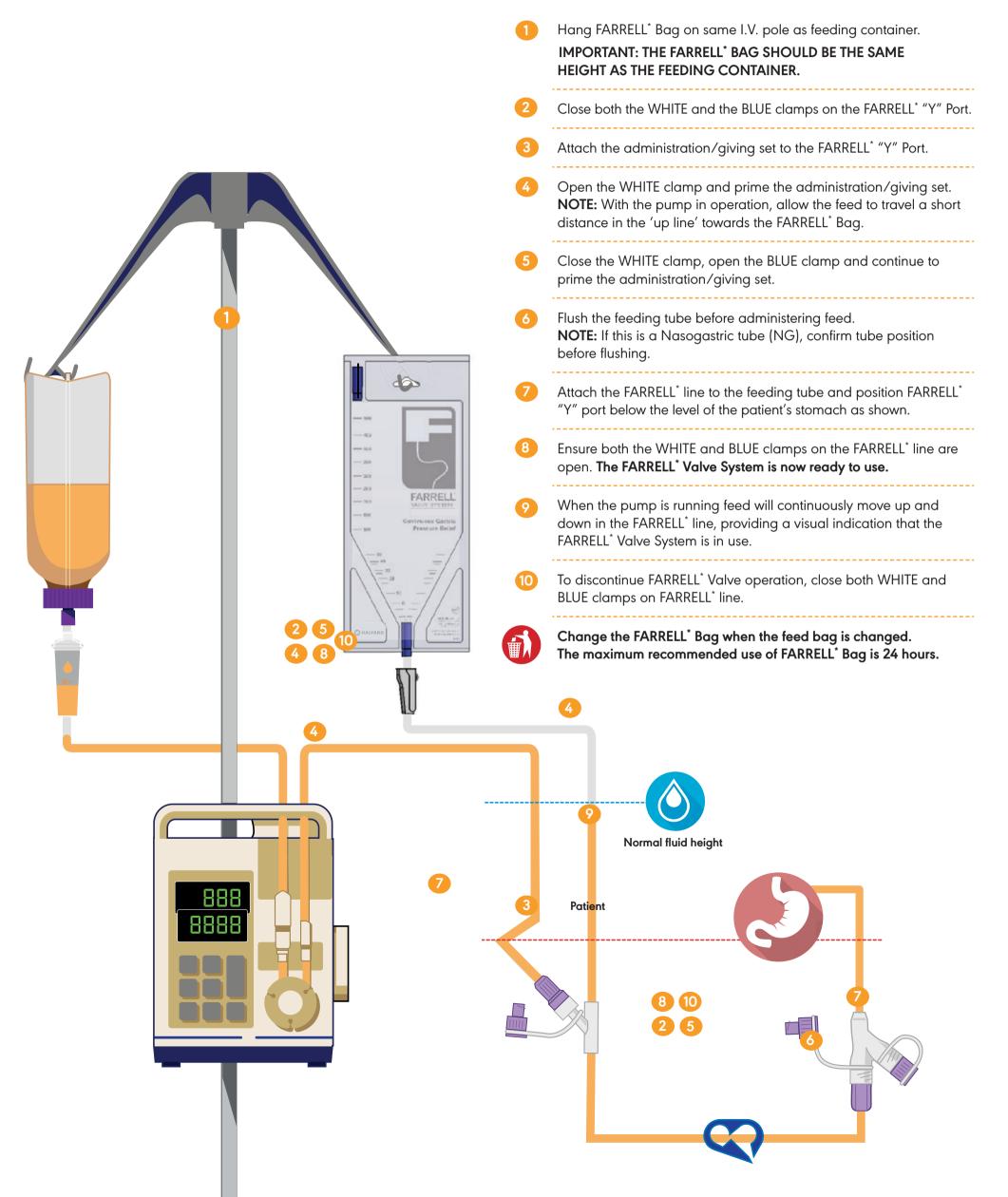
AVANOS | The FARRELL* Valve System with Equilibrium Technology

CLINICAL GUIDE TO SET UP



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TOP TIPS

- 1. In order for the FARRELL^{*} Valve System to work properly, the FARRELL^{*} "Y" port must be AT or BELOW the patient's stomach.
- 2. If a patient has a distended stomach, manually decompress the patient's stomach with a syringe prior to the initial use of the FARRELL^{*} Valve System.
- 3. Patients on very low volume feeds (neonates) may require substantially longer time (60-90 minutes) to establish flow before opening the WHITE clamp above the "Y" port.
- 4. When FARRELL^{*} Valve is working properly, formula may continuously move up and down the FARRELL^{*} tubing.
- 5. The FARRELL^{*} Valve will continuously decompress the patient's stomach, but the FARRELL^{*} bag will not usually inflate with gas because it is vented.
- 6. When administering medication, use the access port on the feeding tube if possible. Close the BLUE clamp before opening the feeding tube access port. Administer medication and wait 5-10 minutes before re-opening the BLUE clamp.
- 7. If formula begins to back up into the FARRELL^{*} bag and a feeding tube occlusion is suspected, close the BLUE clamp and disconnect the FARRELL^{*} Valve System. Check for occlusions in the feeding tube. Once the occlusion is resolved reconnect the FARRELL^{*} Valve System.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If a large volume of fluid is in the FARRELL^{*} tubing and bag after resolving an occlusion, adjust the head height of the FARRELL^{*} bag to prevent a free-flow bolus of fluid into the patient.

CAUTION: While the FARRELL^{*} Valve is in operation, flow to the patient is essentially controlled by gravity. With normal (non-FARRELL^{*}) operation, pump pressure (12-18psi) may overcome and clear occlusions or kinks in the feeding tube. With the FARRELL^{*} Valve in operation, these occlusions may not be overcome and formula will back up into the FARRELL^{*} bag. If formula begins to back up into the FARRELL^{*} bag, close the WHITE clamp located on the line above the FARRELL^{*} "Y" port and wait several minutes to determine if the pump can then overcome the occlusion. Make sure the WHITE clamp above the FARRELL^{*} "Y" port is CLOSED and the BLUE clamp below the FARRELL^{*} "Y" port is OPEN.

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