Leading healthcare industry organizations, such as the Joint Commission, ISMP and ECRI, have recommended that medical manufacturers redesign their products to reduce the risk of dangerous tubing misconnections.1,3,4

In our continuing effort to improve the safety of tube feeding, Nestlé HealthCare Nutrition is introducing SPIKERIGHT, an enteral-specific port for closed tube-feeding containers designed to reduce the risk of IV misconnection.

The SPIKERIGHT design is non-proprietary and available for use by any manufacturer.

The California Hospital Association has urged that all manufacturers of tube-feeding formulas and equipment adopt an enteral–specific design.5 SPIKERIGHT meets this need.

REFERENCES
NEW ULTRAPAK® with SPIKERIGHT™

Setting the standard in tube-feeding safety.
THE ISSUE:
Tubing Misconnections

- Tubing misconnections caused by human error are a serious problem in healthcare organizations, with potentially life-threatening consequences.\(^1,^2\)

- Industry organizations such as the Joint Commission, the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) and the Emergency Care Research Institute (ECRI) have recommended that manufacturers of medical products redesign them to reduce the risk of misconnections.\(^1,^3,^4\)

- Currently, all ready-to-feed closed tube-feeding containers use a universal port that is potentially vulnerable to misconnections.

- The time is right for manufacturers of tube-feeding formulas and equipment to adopt an industry-wide solution to the problem of misconnections.

THE SOLUTION:
SPIKERIGHT™ for Safety—The New Enteral-Specific Port

- Nestlé HealthCare Nutrition is taking the lead in helping reduce the risk of misconnections by introducing SPIKERIGHT™, an enteral-specific port for closed tube-feeding containers designed to reduce the risk of IV misconnection.

- Nestlé has chosen a non-proprietary design that can be used by any manufacturer.

- As part of our ongoing commitment to improve the safety of tube feeding, Nestlé plans to incorporate the SPIKERIGHT™ design into ULTRAPAK® products and COMPAT® spike sets in 2008, and closed system bottles in 2009.

- Covidien and VIASYS MedSystems also plan to incorporate the SPIKERIGHT™ design into their spike sets.
HOW SPIKERIGHT™ WORKS

The SPIKERIGHT port is threaded and connects with specifically-designed screw-top enteral spike sets. Purple color coding clearly distinguishes the ULTRAPAK® and tubing.

THE ADVANTAGES OF ULTRAPAK WITH SPIKERIGHT

- Reduces contamination risk and formula waste.7
- Safely hangs up to 48 hours.6,8,9
- Nestlé HealthCare Nutrition offers comprehensive staff training materials to support safe feeding practices.