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# If Tube or IV Feedings Are Part of Your Life, The Oley Foundation Is Here to Help You!

*Since 1983, the Oley Foundation has provided FREE information and support to consumers dependent on home parenteral and enteral nutrition (homePEN). We encourage you to learn more about the Oley Foundation by contacting them today.*

## Who Should Be Interested

All consumers (patients) who receive home nutrition support and their caregivers. This includes:

- **enteral nutrition** (HEN) where formula is delivered by tube into the stomach or intestinal tract; AND
- **parenteral nutrition** (HPN) where solutions are infused directly into the bloodstream (intravenously)

Consumers have lived fully productive lives on these therapies for more than 40 years.

Diagnoses that can lead to dependence upon homePEN are highly varied and include:

- Cancer forms that limit nutrient absorption or impair the ability to eat
- Radiation enteritis
- Crohn's disease
- Pseudo-obstruction and other Motility Disorders (gastroparesis, gastrectomy)
- Congenital bowel disease
- Ischemic bowel disease
- Intestinal tract injuries or traumas that impair the ability to eat
- AIDS
- Cerebral vascular accident (stroke)
- Chronic adhesive obstructions
- Cystic fibrosis
- Mitochondrial disease



## How the Oley Foundation Can Help

Oley is a national, independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides information and support for consumers of homePEN, their caregivers and clinicians.

**All Oley services and educational materials are FREE for consumers and their caregivers.**

Oley programs:

- **LifelineLetter**: a bi-monthly newsletter with articles about medical advances and personal experiences, written for homePEN consumers,
- **Regional Coordinator Network**: a national grassroots network of 50+ volunteers — all homePEN consumers or caregivers — who run support groups and provide outreach and education at the local level
- **National and Regional Conferences**: opportunities for homePEN consumers, clinicians, providers and industry representatives to share support and information
- **Information Clearinghouse**: a resource designed to answer questions about homePEN through a toll-free hotline, Web site, online education program, and video tape/dvd library
- **Consumer Networking**: online chat forum and toll-free calls to experienced homePEN consumers and caregivers

**Call Toll-Free (800) 776-OLEY**

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## To the Health Care Provider:

*The most effective way to ensure that patients are connected to Oley Foundation programs and services is to help them register. Please provide us with the following information and we'll see that an information packet is mailed and that the "new" member receives our newsletter and meeting notices regularly. All Oley services are free of charge for patients and their families. Oley's privacy policy is printed below for your convenience.*

1. Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Day telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

3. Consumer/Patient Information  
Began HomePEN Therapy \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Month/Year  
Therapy  TPN       Enteral/Tube-fed       Both

## To the Consumer of Home Parenteral and/or Enteral Feedings:

*By signing below you are authorizing your health care provider to submit your name to the Oley Foundation. You will receive an introductory packet within two weeks and every other month the Oley newsletter, LifelineLetter. All Oley services are free of charge for consumers and their families! If at any time you feel that you no longer wish to receive our mailings simply contact us (800) 776-6539 and we will remove you from the list. Oley's privacy policy is printed below for your convenience.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print), authorize my health care provider to submit my name to the Oley Foundation, Inc. and welcome the opportunity to learn more about the therapy that sustains me and other people who survive with similar challenges.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## The Oley Foundation Privacy Policy

*The Oley Foundation has a **strict policy of not sharing its membership list with anyone**: patients, health care professionals, Oley Regional Coordinators, research institutions, homecare companies, other nonprofit organizations, etc. We are very protective of our members' right to privacy.*

*Rest assured that no one has access to the names, addresses, or phone numbers of our members. This changes ONLY when a member chooses to share contacting information by responding to a mailing, advertisement, entering a contest, etc.*

*Oley will share a consumer's name and contacting information with another consumer for networking and outreach purposes, but only after getting permission from the consumer first.*

*If you have any questions, concerns or would like to discuss this policy further, please contact Joan Bishop by phone (800) 776-6539/(518) 262-5079 or e-mail [bishopj@mail.amc.edu](mailto:bishopj@mail.amc.edu).*