

**Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care & Retirement Residence**

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Resident Care	SUBJECT: Resident Assistance and Encouragement at Mealtimes	SECTION: N POLICY: 2I
DATE: September 2004	Administrator's Signature: _____	

RESIDENT ASSISTANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT AT MEALTIMES

POLICY:

The Leamington Mennonite Home will ensure that supervision, encouragement, and assistance is provided for each resident during meal and snack times. This encouragement and/or assistance will be provided according to the resident's assessed needs.

PROCEDURE:

- Leamington Mennonite Home staff will give each resident supervision, encouragement, or assistance according to their individual and specific needs.
- Each resident will be positioned in such a way as to allow proper feeding techniques and social interaction.
- The mealtime for our residents shall not be rushed. Staff will be available to give the appropriate help needed. Staff should be feeding no more than two residents, who need total feeding by another person, at one time.
- Foods shall not be stirred together unless requested by the resident and it is documented on resident care plan.