

WHITING FORENSIC HOSPITAL
Nursing Policy and Procedure

SECTION D: PHYSIOLOGICAL ADAPTATION

CHAPTER 13: BASIC NEEDS

POLICY AND PROCEDURE 13.1.5: GASTROSTOMY/JEJUNOSTOMY TUBES

Standard of Practice:

The nurse will ensure patency of the Gastrostomy/Jejunostomy stoma.

Standard of Care:

The patient can expect that the Gastrostomy/Jejunostomy tube will remain in place or be reinserted within two (2) hours if it becomes dislodged.

Policy:

A gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube shall be reinserted, if dislodged, within two (2) hours. The registered nurse may reinsert the tube or request that a physician reinsert the tube. A WFH physician may reinsert the tube or send the patient to Middlesex Hospital for reinsertion of the tube.

Procedure:

1. Put on gloves.
2. Clean distal end of the gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube with Sterile Saline.
3. Lubricate the distal end of the gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube with K-Y Jelly.
4. Insert the distal end of the gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube into the stoma on the left side of the abdomen. Insert the tube up to the protuberance on the tube (3-4 inches). If there is any difficulty in replacing the tube or position is questioned stop procedure and notify the physician immediately. Do not resume feeding and/or medication until tube is reinserted and/or position is determined by physician. Then obtain order to resume medications and/or feeding via gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube.
5. Secure the gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube to the abdomen with Opsite.
6. Check for position of the gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube:
 - a. insert 20cc of Sterile Water into the Gastrostomy/Jejunostomy tube with a sterile syringe
 - b. draw back on the syringe
 - B if fluid returns, the tube is positioned correctly
 - B if no fluid returns, the tube is not positioned correctly. Notify the physician immediately.
7. Notify the physician of replacement of the gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube and obtain Order to resume medications and/or feeding.

Correct placement of the gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube must be ensured prior to feeding and/or medicating the patient.