

ACTIVE LEARNING TEMPLATE: *Nursing Skill*

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SKILL NAME Enteral Feedings REVIEW MODULE CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Skill

This is a tube that is inserted into the stomach or small intestine via the nose or mouth or percutaneously through the abdomen. It is used to deliver nutrition to pts who have a functioning GI tract but are unable to take in sufficient nutrition via the oral route

Indications

unable to take in sufficient nutrition via the oral route

CONSIDERATIONS

Nursing Interventions (pre, intra, post)

Pre: hand hygiene, PPE, identify pt. provide privacy, position pt and assess the abdomen. Auscultate first then palpate for any distention or tenderness. Aspirate stomach contents.

Intra: prepare feeding appropriately. Open flap on tube. Flush to ensure it is patent. Administer feed at designated rate.

Post: chart and pt. education

Outcomes/Evaluation

The goal is to provide the necessary nutrition to a pt that is unable to intake enough nutrition by mouth themselves.

Client Education

seek immediate help if the tube become hot, draining anything, noted any distention or fever. Importance of flushing the line and maintaining patency. signs or symptoms that include nausea and vomiting, GI bleeding, or decreased BM

Potential Complications

tube could dislodge or perforate the stomach, GI irritation, aspiration, aspiration pneumonia or death

Nursing Interventions

check patency of tube, skin around tube site, lung sounds for signs of aspiration, placement of tube