Healthcare Organization Commitment

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APSS

Have you reviewed the Patient Safety Movement Foundation’s Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS)?
Yes
What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?
Challenge 15 - Nasogastric tube (NGT) placement and verification

Commitment Name
NG Tube Placement and Verification

How Many Hospitals Will This Commitment Represent?
1

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Commitment Details

Commitment Summary
The organization will continue their current practice of safely placing NG tubes. Nursing procedure manual has clinical skills that provide clear/direct instruction - Nasogastric Tube: Insertion, Irrigation & Removal - matches UVMMC practice except for the pH testing. Staff would be required to perform yearly mandatory laboratory competency. The decision of the value of pH testing may need to be reviewed if leaders choose this. The two bedside checks are gastric residual & checking the length of the external portion of the tube.

Action Plan
Complimentary with safe placement would be to decrease radiographs for checking tube placement.

Impact Details

Lives Saved

Methodology for Determining Lives Saved:
Would use Vizient Clinical Database for metrics