



Healthcare Organization Commitment

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Commitment Details

How many hospitals are represented in this commitment?

Last Report	Current
1	1

Commitment Summary

Nasogastric/Orogastric (NG/OG) tube placement is commonly used as an intervention in clinical practice for decompression of the stomach or for administration of enteral nutrition, fluid and medications. Misplacement of NG/OGs can lead to significant morbidity and even,

death.

Commitment Update

NG/OG placement is confirmed by testing the pH of gastric aspirate which should be in the desired range of 1.0 to 5.0. Fluid retrieved from the NG tube is the only acceptable specimen. In order to meet the National Patient Safety Goal of zero harm, gastric pH testing for the confirmation of NG/OG tube placement must be implemented.

Please describe any best practices your organization has learned through your commitment and share valuable lessons or challenges that were overcome

See original commitment

What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?

Challenge 15 - Nasogastric tube (NGT) placement and verification

Impact Details

By implementing the APSS, what cost benefits have you attained in the following areas?

Acknowledgement

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