

**PARKLAND HEALTH & HOSPITAL SYSTEM
LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**COMPETENCY VALIDATION
NASOGASTRIC TUBE REMOVAL**

Name: _____ ID#: _____

Unit: _____ Date: _____

Nasogastric Tube Removal	1 st Attempt (P or F)	2 nd Attempt (P or F)	Comments
1. Verifies Provider's order for removal, identifies patient using two identifiers			
Removal of Catheter: 2. After the suction has been discontinued, flush the nasogastric tube with a small amount of air to clear it of stomach contents that would cause irritation during removal.			
3. Wash hands and don PPE.			
4. Instruct the patient to hold his breath to verify closure of the epiglottis, then withdraw the tube gently and steadily.			
5. Assist the patient with mouth care and clean the tape residue with adhesive remover.			
6. Monitor the patient for signs of gastrointestinal dysfunction, such as distention and nausea, until normal bowel function is certain.			
7. Remove PPE and wash hands.			
8. Document on the Nurses Notes or Flow Sheet the time of removal and subsequent observations.			
Patient Care: 9. Provide mouth care once a shift or more often as necessary.			
10. Inspect daily. If needed, change the tape securing tube and provide nasal care. Remove the tape residue with adhesive remover. Rotate position of the tube in the nose.			
11. Assess bowel sounds once a shift, or as often as necessary for gastrointestinal function.			
12. Inspect the color, consistency and odor of gastric drainage. A coffee-ground color may indicate bleeding and should be reported immediately.			
13. Observe for symptoms of complications: Epigastric pain and vomiting indicate a clogged or improperly placed tube; Hemorrhage; Dehydration and electrolyte imbalance; Parotitis; Nasal skin breakdown; Aspiration pneumonia			
14. Document nursing assessments on the Nurses Notes or Flow Sheets.			

The completion of this form validates the above nurse's competency for this skill.

#1 Pass / Fail Competency Validator Signature: _____

#2 Pass / Fail Competency Validator Signature: _____