Name of Policy:	Monitoring of Patients Not Receiving Adequate Nutrition	TOLEDO
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## (A) Policy Statement

Clinical Nutrition Staff monitors patients who are NPO or on clear liquids for a prolonged length of time.

## (B) Purpose of Policy

To facilitate that a patient's diet is advanced, or nutrition support is started as soon as medically appropriate.

## (C) Procedure

Clinical nutrition staff will review patients who have been NPO or on a clear liquid diet for 5 days.

- 1. A note is entered into the medical record to alert the physician on the 5<sup>th</sup> day.
- 2. If the patient is still NPO/on a clear liquid diet for 7 days without nutrition support, another note is entered into the medical record and the physician or licensed healthcare practitioner is contacted to discuss the patient's nutrition plan.

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