

Name of Policy: <u>NJ / OJ tube placement</u> Policy Number: 3364-135-160 Department: Radiology Approving Officer: Chief Operating Officer - UTMC Responsible Agent: Chairman & Professor, Radiology Scope: Radiology	 Effective Date: 8/1/2023 Initial Effective Date: 8/1/2020
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(A) Policy Statement

This policy of the University of Toledo Health Science Campus (HSC) UT Medical Center and the Department of Radiology outlines the process for tube placement for all hospital staff, nursing, ordering providers and the radiology department that may participate in the placement of NJ/OJ tubes for placements.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To create guidelines for placement of nasojejunal or oraljejunal tubes in patients.

(C) Procedure

- 1) In order to provide safe and efficient care to patients while attempting to minimize unnecessary radiation exposure the Radiology Department will work in conjunction with providers to facilitate NJ/OJ tube placement.
- 2) These tubes are to be initially placed bedside by a qualified nurse or care giver deemed appropriate by the hospital policy.
- 3) Every patient should undergo radiography to confirm proper position of an NJ or OJ tube before feeding is initiated.
- 4) If desired location of the tube is not reached on the initial placement a follow up radiograph should be obtained 24 hours after initial placement as the majority of tubes migrate to the desired location without additional intervention.
- 5) In the event the tube does not reach the desired position the radiology department can offer fluoroscopic guidance to the nursing team to help further the tube placement.

(D) References

[https://www.gastrojournal.org/article/S0016-5085\(11\)00758-X/pdf](https://www.gastrojournal.org/article/S0016-5085(11)00758-X/pdf)

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