

Adult Nasogastric Tube Position Record

Patient details

Name:
 NHS No.....
 Ward.....
 Hospital No.....
 DOB.....

Please ensure the NGT sticker is completed on initial tube placement and placed in the medical notes or Innovian NG page for Critical Care.

Initial Nasogastric Tube position check

<i>Date & time NGT inserted</i>	<i>Type of tube inserted</i>	<i>Size of tube inserted</i>	<i>Nasogastric tube inserted by:</i> Print name: Signature:
<i>External length of NGT in cms at tip of nose</i>	<i>Aspirate obtained (yes / no)</i>	<i>pH value of aspirate</i>	If no aspirate or aspirate is above pH 5.5 Do Not use the NGT Follow the Decision Tree for Nasogastric Tube placement checks in adults and document action taken here:

Subsequent verification of Nasogastric Tube position

As the accountable practitioner caring for the patient with a Nasogastric Tube, it is your responsibility to ensure that the tube is in the correct position. Subsequent checks should be carried out as follows:

- Following initial insertion
- Following each changeover of nursing shift
- Before administering medications, fluid or feed
- Once daily during continuous feeds
- Once daily to confirm position when for drainage
- When there is suggestion of tube displacement e.g change in tube length, patient comfort
- After severe episodes of coughing, retching or vomiting
- Any new or unexplained respiratory symptoms or distress
- After nasopharyngeal, endotracheal or tracheostomy tube suctioning
- If the patient complains of discomfort
- If the patient experiences feed reflux into the mouth
- If there is any doubt the tube may not be in the stomach

