# Percutanous Gastrostomy or Jejunostomy Tube Check

# PURPOSE / CLINICAL INDICATION:

- Evaluate percutaneous gastrostomytube
- Evaluate percutaneous jejunostomytube
- Confirm correct tube placement and evaluate for possible contrast leak

#### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS / CONTRAINDICATIONS:

• For portable studies, if a lateral view is not included, an anterior leak cannot be excluded.

	ORDERABLE NAME:	EPIC BUTTON NAME:	NOTES:
UTSW	XR Gastrostomy Tube Check		
	XR Gastrografin Tube Check		
PHHS	XR Gastrointestinal Tube Check		

## **EQUIPMENT / SUPPLIES / CONTRAST:**

Water soluble contrast

#### PATIENT PREPARATION:

- None
- For ICU patients who cannot safely travel to radiology department, exam can be performed by technologists who inject contrast and obtain necessary portable images.

#### PROCEDURE IN BRIEF:

• Images obtained after water soluble contrast injection can be performed in the radiology department or using portable images.

#### COMPLETE PROCEDURE TECHNIQUE:

- Departmental exam:
  - o For Gastrostomy tube
    - Scout image over the stomach and upper abdomen (overhead and fluoroscopic images)
    - Hand injection of 50 cc of contrast through syringe. Monitor ease of contrast instillation under intermittent fluoroscopy.
    - Obtain static images in frontal and lateral (right decubitus) positions
    - Document any leakage of contrast with additional images
    - Preferred end point is passage of contrast into the duodenum delayed frontal image
    - Flush catheter/tube with 20 cc of saline/water
  - o For Jejunostomy tube -
    - Obtain scout image
    - Injection of water soluble contrast.
    - Hand injection of 50 cc of contrast through syringe. Monitor ease of contrast instillation under intermittent fluoroscopy.
    - Obtain static images in frontal and lateral positions
    - Document any leakage of contrast with additional images
    - Evaluate small bowel motility under fluoroscopy
    - Evaluate for position of the tube and possible leak
    - Flush catheter/tube with 20 cc of saline/water
- Portable exam:
  - o For Gastrostomy tube:

- Use 50 cc water soluble contrast
- Scout portable image over the stomach and upper abdomen prior to contrast injection
- Hand injection of contrast through syringe. Monitor ease of contrast instillation.
- Obtain portable frontal image once the contrast injection is completed
- Turn the patient to right lateral decubitus (preferred) or right posterior oblique positions if the patient can tolerate and assistance for positioning can be obtained
- Portable images in frontal and lateral (right decubitus) positions about 2 minutes after contrast injection completion.
  - For patient who cannot be turned to either right lateral decubitus or right posterior oblique – obtain a 3 minute delayed (after contrast injection) supine image.
- Flush catheter/tube with 20 cc saline/water
- o For Jejunostomy tube -
  - Obtain scout image
  - Injection of 50 cc water soluble contrast
  - Obtain an image right after completion of contrast injection.
  - Portable images in right posterior oblique and supine positions (2 images) about
    2 minutes after contrast injection completion.
    - For patient who cannot be turned to either right lateral decubitus or right posterior oblique – obtain a 3 minute delayed (after contrast injection) supine image.
  - Flush catheter/tube with 20 cc saline/water

#### **IMAGE DOCUMENTATION:**

- Departmental exam
  - o Gastrostomy tube
    - Scout frontal upper abdomen
    - Frontal and lateral (right decubitus) post injection
    - Delayed frontal image
    - Document any leakage of contrast with additional images
  - o Jejunostomy tube
    - Scout frontal
    - Frontal and lateral post injection
    - Document any leakage of contrast with additional images
- Portable exam
  - o Gastrostomy tube
    - Scout frontal upper abdomen
    - Frontal immediate post injection
    - Frontal and lateral (right decubitus) 2 minutes post injection
      - If patient cannot be turned right lateral or RPO, then delayed frontal image 3 minutes post injection
  - Jejunostomy tube
    - Scout frontal
    - Frontal immediate post injection
    - Frontal, oblique 2 minutes post injection

### ADDITIONAL WORKFLOW STEPS:

# REFERENCES:

- General Fluoroscopy Considerations
- Procedure Contrast Grid

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