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PURPOSE:

To institute procedures of assisting in gastric lavage and gavage for patients in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

SCOPE:

Applies to all Neonatal Intensive Care Unit staffs of Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Physicians, Staff Nurses, Midwife



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PROCEDURE:

- 1. The Doctor clearly explains the procedure, indication and risks to the family or significant others.
- 2. The Nurse confirms the doctor's order, as well as the correct patient, and procedure.
- 3. The Nurse performs hand washing, and gathers all equipment and supplies necessary for the procedure.
- 4. The Nurse positions the infant comfortably, and correctly for the procedure.
- 5. The Doctor performs proper hand washing, and dons on clean gloves.
- 6. The Assisting Nurse hands the equipment and supplies necessary to the doctor in the order that they are needed.
- 7. The Doctor measures the length of the tube for insertion by positioning the tube from the mouth, to the ear, then to the xiphoid process.
- 8. The Doctor carefully inserts the tube at the midline of the patient's mouth.
- 9. The Doctor advances the tube until the measured mark is reached.
- 10. The Doctor confirms the proper position of the tube by pushing 1-2 ml of air into the tube using the 10 ml syringe while listening to the epigastrium using a stethoscope.
- 11. Once the correct placement of the orogastric tube is confirmed, the doctor aspirate gastric contents slowly and note down the amount, color and consistency of gastric aspirate.
- 12. The Doctor irrigates the stomach with warmed 0.9% Sodium Chloride for Irrigation in aliquots of 5-10 ml.
- 13. The Doctor aspirates the instilled fluid from the stomach, every aliquot should be aspirated prior to instilling more warmed 0.9% Sodium Chloride for Irrigation.
- 14. The Doctor stops the washout once the aspirate is clear.
- 15. The Assisting Nurse performs after care and discards supplies used as per policy, and documents the procedure on the chart.



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