

ASPEN Bedside Feeding Tube Placement Competency Tool Checklist

Case # _____ Clinician _____ Verified by (preceptor) _____

Date	Competency/Critical Behaviors	Competency Met	Review Needed	Evaluator's Initials
	Verify order for tube placement			
	Review patient health history for any contraindications to tube placement			
	Obtain verbal informed consent if applicable			
	Gather appropriate supplies			
	Perform hand hygiene			
	Introduce self to patient, explain procedure, and offer comfort measures as indicated			
	Confirm patient identity according to policy			
	Place patient in the appropriate position			
	Place tube according to policy and technique for facility			
	Secure tube with tape, transparent dressing, or a commercial fixation device			
	Educate patient and family as appropriate			
	Document tube placement according to policy			
	Verify proper tube placement prior to use, per policy			

Fact Sheet Based on Development of a Competency Model for Placement and Verification of Nasogastric and Nasoenteric Feeding Tubes for Adult Hospitalized Patients

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