

Nasogastric Tube Insertion

Candidate: _____ **Examiner:** _____

Date: _____ **Signature:** _____

Time Start: _____ **Time End:** _____

	Possible Points	Awarded
Takes/verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
Explains procedure to patient	1	
Measures and marks the NG tube to proper length	1	
Positions patient in upright or semi-sitting position	1	
Lubricates distal 3-6" of NG tube	1	
Slightly flexes patient's head	1	
Inserts tube into widest nostril and advances straight back until tube is visible in oropharynx	1	
Instructs patient to repeatedly swallow or sip water while continuing to advance the tube	1	
Inserts tube until mark reaches outer edge of nostril	1	
Injects 20-35 ml of air into tube while auscultating epigastrium to confirm proper placement	1	
Secures tube	1	

Total Possible 11

Needed to Pass 10

Critical Criteria

- ___ Failure to take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions
- ___ Failure to explain procedure to patient before attempting to place the tube
- ___ Failure to measure and mark NG tube to proper length before insertion
- ___ Failure to verify proper placement by auscultation over epigastrium
- ___ Attempts to insert tube in a manner dangerous to the patient

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on the reverse side of this form.