

CLINICAL SKILLS ASSESSMENT

NASOGASTRIC TUBE INSERTION

Demonstrates the ability to safely and efficiently insert a nasogastric tube (NGT).

Performance criteria (Numbers indicate NMBA Registered Nurse Standards for Practice)	1 (Dependant)	2 (Marginal)	3 (Assisted)	4 (Supervised)	5 (Independent)
1. Identifies indication [1.1, 3.3, 3.4]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Verifies the written medication order [1.4, 3.4, 6.1, 6.2, 6.5]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Evidence of therapeutic interaction with the person, e.g., gives a clear explanation of the procedure [1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.2]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Demonstrates clinical reasoning abilities, e.g., provides privacy, comfort measures, pain relief, positions the person [1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 4.2, 6.1]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Gathers equipment [5.5, 6.1]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nasogastric tube (appropriate type and size) • lubricant or normal saline • fresh water and a straw • gloves and an apron • pH indicator strips • 50 mL syringe • tongue blade and penlight • low-suction apparatus (if required) • feeding apparatus • adaptor • elastic band and safety pin • adhesive/hypoallergenic tape cut to 10 cm lengths • paper (disposable) tape measure • absorbent pad • clamp or plug • tissues • oral hygiene equipment • IV stand (if required) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Performs hand hygiene and dons gloves [1.1, 3.4, 6.1]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Ascertain the length of nasogastric tube to be inserted [1.1, 6.1]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Checks nostrils for obstruction [1.1, 4.2, 6.1]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Inserts nasogastric tube to the appropriate length [1.1, 1.4, 6.1]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Ascertain the placement of the nasogastric tube [1.1, 1.4, 6.1]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Tapes the nasogastric tube to the person [1.1, 6.1]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Connects the nasogastric tube to appropriate apparatus [1.1, 6.1]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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