SECTION D: PSYCHOLOGICAL ADAPTATION  
CHAPTER 13: BASIC NEEDS  

Connecticut Valley Hospital  
Nursing Policy and Procedure  

POLICY AND PROCEDURE 13.1.5  
Gastrostomy/Jejunostomy Tubes  

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Standard of Practice:  
The nurse will ensure patency of the Gastrostomy/Jejunostomy stoma.  

Standard of Care:  
The patient can expect that the Gastrostomy/Jejunostomy tube will remain in place or be reinserted within two (2) hours if it becomes dislodged.  

Policy:  
A gastrostomy/jejunalostomy tube shall be reinserted, if dislodged, within two (2) hours. The registered nurse may reinsert the tube or request that a physician reinsert the tube. A CVH physician may reinsert the tube or send the patient to Middlesex Hospital for reinsertion of the tube.  

Procedure:  
1. Put on gloves.  
2. Clean distal end of the gastrostomy/jejunalostomy tube with Sterile Saline.  
3. Lubricate the distal end of the gastrostomy/jejunalostomy tube with K-Y Jelly.  
4. Insert the distal end of the gastrostomy/jejunalostomy tube into the stoma on the left side of the abdomen. Insert the tube up to the protuberance on the tube (3-4 inches). If there is any difficulty in replacing the tube or position is questioned stop procedure and notify the physician immediately. Do not resume feeding and/or medication until tube is reinserted and/or position is determined by physician. Then obtain order to resume medications and/or feeding via gastrostomy/jejunalostomy tube.  
5. Secure the gastrostomy/jejunalostomy tube to the abdomen with Opsite.  
6. Check for position of the gastrostomy/jejunalostomy tube:  
   a. insert 20cc of Sterile Water into the Gastrostomy/Jejunostomy tube with a sterile syringe  
   b. draw back on the syringe  
      B if fluid returns, the tube is positioned correctly  
      B if no fluid returns, the tube is not positioned correctly. Notify the physician immediately.  
7. Notify the physician of replacement of the gastrostomy/jejunalostomy tube and obtain Order to resume medications and/or feeding.
Correct placement of the gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube must be ensured prior to feeding and/or medicating the patient.