# GASTROSTOMY/GASTROJEJUNOSTOMY TUBE EXCHANGE

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| Cerner EMR Order Name | Dept Order Entry Order Name |
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| IR Gastric Tube Placement | IR Gastric Tube Placement |

## For Providers

- **Need to hold blood thinners:** no
- **Need to hold diabetic medications:** yes (per infomation below)
- **Need to hold other meds:** no
- **Need to be NPO:** yes (2 hrs for clear liquids, 6 hrs for light meals & dairy products, 8 hrs for fatty meals)
- **Need blood work:**
  - BMP (only in patients with renal disease)
  - CBC/INR not routinely checked *(if checked - platelets ≥20k and INR ≤3.0)*
- **Receive moderate sedation:** yes + local anesthesia

## For Schedulers

- Requirements in **For Provider** section also apply.
- **Need imaging/radiologist review:** no
- **Need H&P:** no
- **Need a driver:** yes
- **Need bed in Short Stay / PACU:** yes
- **Need an IV:** yes
- **Arrival time:** 2 hrs prior to appointment
- **Stay after procedure:** 1 hr after procedure
- **Rads that do procedure:** Agrait (MA), Carter (CA), Cohen (DC), Edwards (JE), Hoffman (RH), Padula (PA), Parsons (CP), Rezaei (AR), Sherard (DS)
- Gastrostomy tube must be in place 4-6 weeks prior to conversion to a gastrojejunostomy tube.

## Diabetic Medication Instructions

- Do not take any oral diabetes medications the morning of your procedure.
- Do not take short-acting insulin the morning of your procedure.
- Take only half your usual dose of long-acting insulin the evening before your procedure. Do not take long-acting insulin the morning of your procedure.
- Monitor your blood glucose throughout the day and take glucose tablets as needed.
- If you use an insulin pump, please contact your endocrinologist for further instructions.