

# GASTROSTOMY TUBE PLACEMENT

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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

- 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.
  - BMP (only in patients with renal disease)
- **Receive moderate sedation:** yes + local anesthesia

## For Schedulers

- Requirements in **For Provider** section also apply.
- **Need imaging/radiologist review:** yes - A CT or MRI of the abdomen is needed prior to gastrostomy tube placement to determine whether there is a safe percutaneous window into the stomach.
- **Need H&P:** yes updated within 30 days of procedure date (must include heart & lungs exam)
- **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:** 2 hrs after procedure
- **Rads that do procedure:** Agrait (MA), Cohen (DC), Edwards (JE), Hoffman (RH), Parsons (CP), Rezaei (AR), Sherard (DS)

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- Blood thinner hold and resume times:

|                                        | Higher Risk Procedures                              |                                            |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                        | Hold                                                | Resume                                     |
| <b>Aspirin</b> (all strengths)         | 3-5 days                                            | 24 hrs                                     |
| <b>Ibuprofen</b> (Motrin)              | 12-24 hrs                                           | immediately                                |
| <b>Diclofenac</b> (Voltaren)           |                                                     |                                            |
| <b>Ketoprofen</b> (Orudis)             |                                                     |                                            |
| <b>Ketorolac</b> (Toradol)             | 24 hrs                                              | immediately                                |
| <b>Indomethacin</b> (Indocin)          | 2 days                                              | immediately                                |
| <b>Etodolac</b> (Lodine)               |                                                     |                                            |
| <b>Diflunisal</b> (Dolobid)            | 2-3 days                                            | immediately                                |
| <b>Naproxen</b> (Aleve)                | 3-4 days                                            | immediately                                |
| <b>Sulindac</b> (Clinoril)             |                                                     |                                            |
| <b>Meloxicam</b> (Mobic)               | 4 days                                              | immediately                                |
| <b>Nabumetone</b> (Relafen)            | 6 days                                              | immediately                                |
| <b>Piroxicam</b> (Feldene)             | 10 days                                             | immediately                                |
| <b>Celecoxib</b> (Celebrex)            | no hold                                             | immediately                                |
| <b>Cilostazol</b> (Pletal)             |                                                     |                                            |
| <b>Heparin</b>                         | 4-6 hrs (IV)<br>6 hrs (SQ)                          | 6-8 hrs                                    |
| <b>Enoxaparin</b> (Lovenox)            | 12 hrs (if once daily)<br>24 hrs (if twice daily)   | 12 hrs                                     |
| <b>Dalteparin</b> (Fragmin)            | 24 hrs                                              | 12 hrs                                     |
| <b>Warfarin</b> (Coumadin)             | hold until INR $\leq 1.8$                           | 24 hrs                                     |
| <b>Clopidogrel</b> (Plavix)            | 5 days                                              | 6 hrs (75 mg dose)<br>24 hrs (higher dose) |
| <b>Ticagrelor</b> (Brilinta)           | 5 days                                              | 24 hrs                                     |
| <b>Prasugrel</b> (Effient)             | 7 days                                              | 24 hrs                                     |
| <b>Aspirin/Dipyridamole</b> (Aggrenox) | 3-5 days                                            | 24 hrs                                     |
| <b>Fondaparinux</b> (Arixtra)          | 2-3 days (GFR $\geq 50$ )<br>3-5 days (GFR $< 50$ ) | 24 hrs                                     |
| <b>Argatroban</b> (Acova)              | 2-4 hrs                                             | 4-6 hrs                                    |
| <b>Bivalirudin</b> (Angiomax)          | 2-4 hrs                                             | 4-6 hrs                                    |
| <b>Apixaban</b> (Eliquis)              | 2 days (GFR $\geq 50$ )<br>3 days (GFR $< 50$ )     | 24 hrs                                     |
| <b>Dabigatran</b> (Pradaxa)            | 2 days (GFR $\geq 50$ )<br>3-4 days (GFR $< 50$ )   | 24 hrs                                     |
| <b>Rivaroxaban</b> (Xarelto)           | 2 days (GFR $\geq 30$ )<br>3 days (GFR $< 30$ )     | 24 hrs                                     |
| <b>Betrixaban</b> (Bevyxxa)            | 3 days                                              | 24 hrs                                     |
| <b>Edoxaban</b> (Savaysa)              | 2 days                                              | 24 hrs                                     |
| <b>Ticlopidine</b> (Ticlid)            | 7 days                                              | 24 hrs                                     |
| <b>Desirudin</b> (Iprivask)            | 4 hrs                                               | 1 hr                                       |
| <b>Abciximab</b> (ReoPro)              | 24 hrs                                              | per Cardiology                             |
| <b>Eptifibatide</b> (Integrilin)       | 4-8 hrs                                             | per Cardiology                             |
| <b>Tirofiban</b> (Aggrastat)           |                                                     |                                            |

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