

## **ADMINISTRATION OF ORAL CONTRAST THROUGH ENTERAL TUBES**

- Only enteral tubes that are confirmed to be in proper position (via imaging) can be used to administered oral contrast.
- If possible, bring the patient into the erect position in bed (or 45-60 degrees head of bed elevation).
- Check gastric residual volumes and if greater than 200-300 mL, notify the ordering clinician. The clinician should consider discarding half of the residual volume prior to the administration of oral contrast.
- Administered the oral contrast at a rate of 100 mL every 15 mins. Use the same volume of oral contrast as for patients consuming contrast by mouth.
- Observe the patient carefully throughout the contrast administration. If there are signs of aspiration or wet upper airway sounds are heard, discontinue administration, suction the patient's mouth and oropharynx and place the enteral tube to low-intermittent suction. Notify the ordering clinician immediately.