

GASTROSTOMY TUBE PLACEMENT

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- **Cerner Order:** IR Gastric Tube Placement

For Providers

- **Need to hold blood thinners:** yes (per chart on next page)
- **Need to hold other meds:** no
- **Need to be NPO:** yes (8 hrs for food and non clear liquids, 2 hrs for clear liquids)
- **Need blood work:** yes within 72 hrs (inpatients) or within 30 days (outpatients)
 - CBC w/o differential (*platelets* $\geq 50k$)
 - PT/INR (*INR* ≤ 1.8)
 - 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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	Higher Risk Procedures	
	Hold	Resume
Aspirin (all strengths)	3-5 days	24 hrs
Ibuprofen (Motrin)	12-24 hrs	immediately
Diclofenac (Voltaren)		
Ketoprofen (Orudis)		
Ketorolac (Toradol)	24 hrs	immediately
Indomethacin (Indocin)	2 days	immediately
Etodolac (Lodine)		
Diflunisal (Dolobid)	2-3 days	immediately
Naproxen (Aleve)	3-4 days	immediately
Sulindac (Clinoril)		
Meloxicam (Mobic)	4 days	immediately
Nabumetone (Relafen)	6 days	immediately
Piroxicam (Feldene)	10 days	immediately
Celecoxib (Celebrex)	no hold	immediately
Cilostazol (Pletal)		
Heparin	4-6 hrs (IV) 6 hrs (SQ)	6-8 hrs
Enoxaparin (Lovenox)	12 hrs (if once daily) 24 hrs (if twice daily)	12 hrs
Dalteparin (Fragmin)	24 hrs	12 hrs
Warfarin (Coumadin)	hold until INR \leq 1.8	24 hrs
Clopidogrel (Plavix)	5 days	6 hrs (75 mg dose) 24 hrs (higher dose)
Ticagrelor (Brilinta)		24 hrs
Prasugrel (Effient)	7 days	24 hrs
Aspirin/Dipyridamole (Aggrenox)	3-5 days	24 hrs
Fondaparinux (Arixtra)	2-3 days (GFR \geq 50) 3-5 days (GFR $<$ 50)	24 hrs
Argatroban (Acova)	2-4 hrs	4-6 hrs
Bivalirudin (Angiomax)	2-4 hrs	4-6 hrs
Apixaban (Eliquis)	2 days (GFR \geq 50) 3 days (GFR $<$ 50)	24 hrs
Dabigatran (Pradaxa)	2 days (GFR \geq 50) 3-4 days (GFR $<$ 50)	24 hrs
Rivaroxaban (Xarelto)	2 days (GFR \geq 30) 3 days (GFR $<$ 30)	24 hrs
Betrixaban (Bevyxxa)	3 days	24 hrs
Edoxaban (Savaysa)	2 days	24 hrs
Ticlopidine (Ticlid)	7 days	24 hrs
Desirudin (Iprivask)	4 hrs	1 hr
Abciximab (ReoPro)	24 hrs	per Cardiology
Eptifibatide (Integrilin)	4-8 hrs	per Cardiology
Tirofiban (Aggrastat)		