



# Safe Care Bulletin

## Misplaced nasogastric tube:

The aim of this bulletin is to highlight the changes in practice resulting from the review of an 8 year old child who aspirated their nasogastric feed due to a misplaced nasogastric

Placement of a nasogastric tube is common practice and often considered an innocuous procedure. Ongoing verification of position using pH test is the primary means to ensure patient safety.

Previously - we implemented a prompt to remember the correct pH and amended the fluid balance chart to standardise recording the pH

Designated place to record the PH prior to any medication or feed administration.

Line Four			Oral / Enteral				Total Input		
Site	Pump	Hourly	Total	pH	Description	Volume	Total	Hourly	Cumulative
P	I	Volume (mL)	(mL)		or Pump Reading		(mL)		

Prompt on the fluid balance chart



We are simplifying practice by changing the brand of pH strips used in Starship Child Health. Any sealed product in ward store rooms will be swapped over to the new product.

Current product



New product

The pH strips have been clinically evaluated to be easier to read and interpret than our current product

