

Appendix 7: Confirming the correct position of Nasogastric feeding tubes in adults.

The position of a nasogastric (NG) feeding tube should be confirmed following placement and prior to administration of any feed and medications. It is also recommended that tube position is checked after vomiting, retching or coughing, or there is any evidence of tube displacement i.e loose fixation tape or any unexplained respiratory symptoms.

If an NG tube has newly been placed leave the guidewire in situ in case the tube is required to be repositioned.

NG tubes used in NHS Borders are radio-opaque so can be seen on x-ray even though the guidewire has been removed

