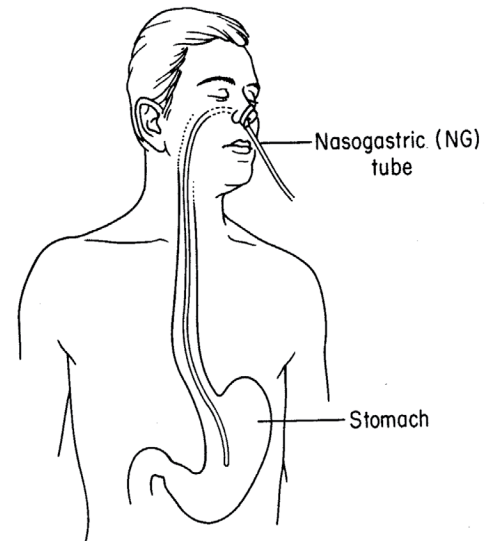


Nasogastric (NG) Tube

A nasogastric (NG) tube is a small tube placed through your nose which goes to the stomach. The tube can be used to:

1. Remove fluids and gas from your stomach
2. Prevent nausea and vomiting
3. Help with healing after surgery
4. Give liquids, medicines or nutrition (sometimes called tube feeding)

The NG tube may cause your throat to be sore, and there may be times you feel like gagging. The doctor or nurse will tell you if you are able to eat or drink while the tube is in place.



Tell your medical team if you have any of the following:

- The NG tube continues to leak fluid on your clothing or skin after you have made sure the cap is closed.
- The device that holds the tube in place on your nose becomes loose.
- The NG tube comes out of your nose.
- The NG tube moves out of place. It is helpful to use permanent marker to mark the tube showing where it comes out of your nose so you can see if it has moved.
- Your stomach feels very full and this feeling does not get better.
- You have nausea or feel sick to your stomach and this feeling does not get better.
- You have a sore throat or nose that is very uncomfortable or getting worse, or feel pain in your eyes or sinuses.

This handout is for informational purposes only. Talk with your doctor or health care team if you have any questions about your care.