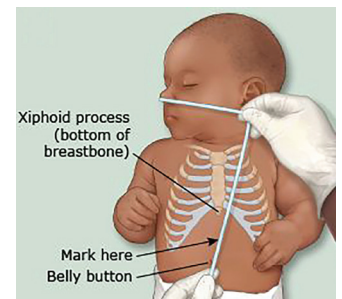
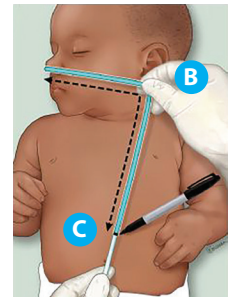
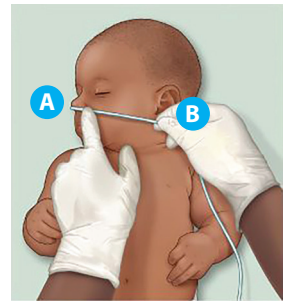


Measuring For Proper Placement of NG Tube

Before you can place the nasogastric tube, or NG tube, you need to measure how far to insert the tube so that it reaches the correct position in the stomach. Measure each time you place a new tube, as your child is growing the tube may need to be placed a little deeper as time goes on.

1. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
2. Position your child laying down. For infants and younger children, you may need a second person to help keep them from grabbing the tube while you get the correct measurement.
3. With their head turned to either side, hold the end of the tube at the tip of the child's nose (A) and extend the tube to the earlobe (B). Then, extend the tube from the earlobe to a spot midway between the bottom of the breastbone and the belly button (C).
4. Keep your fingers at this spot (C) on the tube.
5. Mark this spot (C) with a permanent marker.
 - Depending on the type of tube, there may or may not be a premeasured number marking. If a number is visible on the tube, remember this number in addition to marking the spot with the permanent marker.
6. Both the marking you made with your marker and the pre-marked number (if present) on the tube itself will serve as landmarks for how far to insert the tube and where to secure it. The marking is also a quick way to identify that the tube has not moved.



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