BARD® Levin Tubes

Instructions For Use

Used for the aspiration of gastric and intestinal contents and administration of tube feedings or medications.

Permanent markers 18”, 22”, 26” and 30” from distal tip help with proper placement.

Warnings:
• Do not use on patients known to be sensitive to or allergic to any components within the system.
• Do not use in patients with recent nasal, oropharyngeal or upper gastrointestinal tract surgery.
• Do not use in patients with known esophageal varices or esophageal stricture or webs.
• Do not use in patients with fresh or recent midface trauma.
• Do not use in patients with coagulation abnormality.
• Do not use in patients with gastric banding for the treatment of obesity.
• Do not use in patients with acute or recent alkaline ingestion.
• Do not use in patients with known scleroderma (systemic sclerosis).

Note: After use, this product may be a potential biohazard. Handle and dispose of in accordance with accepted medical practice and applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations.

Instructions for Levin Tube
1. Explain procedure to the patient. Ask about nasal septal deviations.
2. Wash hands and don personal protective equipment.
3. Spray oro- or nasopharynx with oral lubricant spray.
4. If the patient is alert and mobile, he/she should be seated in an upright position.
5. Estimate the length of insertion by measuring the distance from tip of the nose down to the left costal margin.
6. Start passing the tube along the floor of the nose to the nasopharynx.
7. If resistance is met (at 10-20cm), ask the patient to bend the head down and swallow a sip of water through a straw and to start swallowing. Continue to advance the tube while the patient continues swallowing. Rotating the tube may facilitate placement.
8. Verify proper placement by auscultating a rush of air over the stomach using a 60ml Toomey syringe or by aspirating gastric content. Obtain a chest x-ray to confirm correct positioning of the NG tube. Do NOT start contrast, food or medication administration without confirmation of the NG tube location. Always follow hospital procedures or doctors’ orders.
9. Secure the NG tube to the nose to secure it in place.
10. After procedure, using smooth, constant motion, withdraw tube completely from the patient.

Caution: Federal (U.S.A.) laws restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.