

# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

## Practice Decision

### The role of the RN with Gastrostomy Tubes (G-Tubes)

#### RN's and G-tubes

As previously decided by the board, it is within the scope of the RN to replace a gastrostomy tube that has been mistakenly removed. This is considering it is within the facility policy and the following criteria have been met.

1. The RN has demonstrated competency set forth by the facility.
2. The gastrostomy tube is not sutured.
3. The patient has had the tube for a minimum of six weeks and has an established pathway.

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