

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Practice Decision

The Role of the RN and LPN with Gastrostomy Tubes (G-Tubes)

RN's, LPN's and G-tubes

It is within the scope of the RN and LPN to replace a gastrostomy tube that has been mistakenly removed or is due to be changed. This is considering it is within the facility policy and the following criteria have been met.

1. The licensed nurse has demonstrated competency set forth by facility policy.
2. The gastrostomy tube is not sutured.
3. The patient has had the tube for a minimum of eight weeks and has an established and well healed pathway assessed by RN or an LPN focused assessment.
4. The RN performing the procedure conforms with requirements set forth in NRS 632.235 and NAC 632.225
5. The LPN performing the procedure conforms with requirements set forth in NAC 632.242, NAC 632.230 and NAC 632.234 (f)

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