

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
Practice Decision
The role of the LPN with Nasogastric-Tubes

The Nevada State Board of Nursing finds that it is within the scope of practice of a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) who is educationally prepared and properly trained per [NAC 632.232](#) and [NAC 632.242](#) to manage nasogastric (NG) tubes

The following tasks are performed under the supervision of a Registered Nurse (RN) or a physician, and LPNs must adhere to their facility policies:

Insertion and Removal:

- LPNs are trained to insert and remove NG tubes, following proper protocols and ensuring patient comfort.

Verification of Placement:

- LPNs verify the correct placement of the NG tube, ensuring that the tube is in the stomach and not in the lungs.

Administration of Feedings and Medications:

- LPNs administer feedings and medications through the NG tube, ensuring that the patient receives the necessary nutrition and treatment.

Monitoring and Maintenance:

- LPNs monitor the patient for any complications, such as blockages or infections, and maintain the NG tube by flushing it regularly to prevent clogs.

Patient Education:

- LPNs educate patients and their families about the care and management of NG tubes, including how to recognize potential issues and when to seek medical help.

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