

## **Oro/Nasogastric feeding tube LocSSIP Audit ITU 2+3**

### **LocSSIPs - Local Safety Standard for Invasive Procedures**

#### **Aim**

The Oro/Nasogastric Feeding Tube Care Pathway (LocSSIP)- General Critical Care is to be used in critical care to record insertion of NG/OG feeding tube.

A snapshot audit was completed on 24/07/2020 in ITU 2 + 3 to identify use of LocSSIP in patients with Nasogastric feeding tubes. Patients with Ryles NGT's were excluded from the audit. Target = 100% completion

#### **Results**

- Patients in ITU2/3 = 11/16 (5 empty beds). 2 patients were eating and drinking, and 1 patient had an NG Ryles tube and was therefore excluded.
- 8 patients had NGT feeding tubes and were included in the audit (4 in ITU2 + 4 in ITU3).
- 75% of patients (n=6) had an NG LocSSIP in their nursing file.
- Of the 2 patients that did not have a LocSSIP in their nursing file, 1 had an NG sticker in the medical notes, and 1 had no record of NGT insertion in the medical or nursing notes.
- Of all the patients with a LocSSIP/Sticker in their notes, centimetre marking and PH on insertion were clearly documented.
- 66% of the LocSSIP (n=4) documentation were not signed by 'individual confirming oro/nasogastric tube is 'safe to use'
- 50% of patients (n=4) had NGT 'stickers' in medical notes to document insertion of NGT (therefore 3 patients had NG sticker AND LocSSIP)

#### **Recommendations**

- Ensure all patients with oro / nasogastric feeding tubes have NG LocSSIP in nursing file
- Fully complete LocSSIP including signature to confirm feeding tube safe to use, date and time
- Replace use of NG sticker in medical notes, with Oro/Nasogastric Tube Care Pathway (LocSSIP)