

## Indications

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- Gastric decompression in the intubated patient
- Gastric decompression with placement of BIAD (i.e. King LT airway)
- Only for situations where time and conditions allow gastric decompression without interruption of routine care

## Contraindications

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- Known esophageal varices

## Procedure

1. Determine length of tube for insertion.
  - a. Measure from tip of nose, to earlobe, then down to the xiphoid process.
2. Liberally lubricate the distal end of the orogastric tube.
3. Suction airway and pre-oxygenate with BVM ventilations.
4. Insert tube:
  - a. For orotracheal and nasotracheal intubation: insert tube into patient's mouth, continue to advance the tube gently until the appropriate distance is reached.
  - b. For BIAD: insert tube through gastric access lumen, and continue to advance tube till appropriate distance is reached.
5. Confirm placement by injecting 30cc of air and auscultate for the swish or bubbling of the air over the stomach.
6. Aspirate gastric contents to confirm proper placement.
7. Secure with tape to inserted airway and attach to low continuous suction if indicated