



<b>Title:</b>	Enteral Nutrition in Intubated Patients Undergoing Surgery		
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## SCOPE

This document applies to all patients in the Adult Intensive Care Areas at Baylor Scott and White Memorial Hospital.

## DEFINITIONS

*When used in this document with initial capital letter(s), the following word(s)/phrase(s) have the meaning(s) set forth below unless a different meaning is required by context. Additional defined terms may be found in the BSWH P&P Definitions document.*

None.

## GUIDELINE

This guideline will guide treatment of adult patients who are endotracheally intubated or have a tracheostomy who are receiving enteral nutrition via a feeding tube (nasogastric tube, nasoduodenal feeding tube, percutaneous gastrostomy or jejunostomy) who are undergoing surgery.

## PROCEDURE

1. Patients who have an endotracheal tube or tracheostomy tube in place who are receiving enteral nutrition via a feeding tube will not have their enteral nutrition held before surgery.
2. The exception will be that patients undergoing tracheostomy or other procedure which will require manipulation of the airway should have enteral nutrition held for 6 hours before surgery.
3. There may be patients with unusual circumstances that require different care. The care of these patients should be decided on a case by case basis by the Anesthesiologist, Surgeon and Intensivist caring for the patient.

## ATTACHMENTS

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## RELATED DOCUMENTS

None.

## REFERENCES

None.

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