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SUBJECT: HSC ICU patients Enteral feed holds for OR

In order to minimize disruption in providing the nutritional requirements for ICU patients awaiting surgery the following guidelines have been agreed to by the HSC Medical Leads for Anesthesia, Surgery (ENT, Gold, Orthopedics, Plastics), Critical Care:

1. For ventilated patients (orotracheal, nasotracheal or tracheostomy) with a post pyloric feeding tube or a feeding jejunostomy tube:
 - enteral feeds should be discontinued when the patient is called for transport to the OR.
2. For ventilated patients with an orogastric tube/nasogastric tube feeds:
 - a. Planned procedure is Tracheostomy: the enteral feeds should be stopped 2 to 4 hours prior to the procedure with suctioning of the orogastric/nasogastric tube on call to the OR.
 - EXCEPTION: For patients with documented residuals less than 100cc in previous 24 hours – discontinue feeds on call to OR and patient transported after gastric suctioning completed (this should be done on a case by case basis and the anesthetist/surgeon must be agreeable)
 - b. Orthopedic Limb and Plastic procedures that do not involve manipulation of the airway: discontinue all feeds on call to OR and patient transported after gastric suctioning completed;
 - c. Abdominal / Thoracic /Neurosurgical/ Spine Surgical cases and/or any other cases that may involve manipulation of the airway and/or proning of the patient: duration of discontinuation of tubefeed is at the discretion of anesthetist / surgeon
 - d.
3. Whenever possible and in best interests of the patient, elective procedures should be prebooked or given scheduled elective time.

Please share this information to the appropriate individuals and post in the appropriate location for easy reference in the ICU's.