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Subject: New Epic order panel for enteric catheter contrast injection before portable abdominal x-ray (tube checks)

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**Situation:**

No standardized process exists currently across YNHHS to order an abdominal x-ray with contrast injection through a G, GJ or J catheters shortly before x-ray acquisition to assess tube location/patency.

**Background:**

Percutaneous enteric G, GJ or J catheters can occasionally become dislodged and no longer reside within the bowel lumen. In this setting tube malfunction may be suspected by the clinical provider and x-ray imaging with contrast injection through the tube is requested to verify appropriate placement and/or patency. Currently, at YNHH the radiologist has to verbally approve these requests so the technologist can properly document the injection of iodinated contrast as a drug order. This process results in inconsistency, unclear orders for nurses caring for the patient, and interruptions in workflow for technologists and radiologists.

**Assessment:**

An inconsistent process currently exists for ordering and acquiring abdominal x-rays for “tube checks”. This creates risk of patient harm through misadministration of contrast (both dose and route) and causes delays in care.

**Recommendations:**

An order panel has been created using a predetermined dose of Omnipaque 300 (based on patient age) dispensed from radiology coupled with an order for a portable abdominal x-ray. Radiologist approval is not needed when the new order panel is used.

The ordering clinical provider should use the new order panel for any tube check orders moving forward. It can be found easily in Epic orders by searching using various key words (ie-“tube check”, “tube”, “enteric tube”, “abdomen”). IR consults for percutaneous enteric catheter placement/replacement is NOT affected by this new panel. The panel will go live **February 3\textsuperscript{rd} 2021.**
Screen shots of various search terms that will bring up the panel for ordering provider.
Order panel in EPIC-

-Provider picks relevant Omnipaque drug order for tube injection based on patient age.
-Portable abdominal x-ray order is pre-selected.

After selecting Omnipaque order the provider picks route of administration. Instructions for nursing will be visible in the MAR to give the enteric contrast after x-ray technologist brings it to patient bedside.