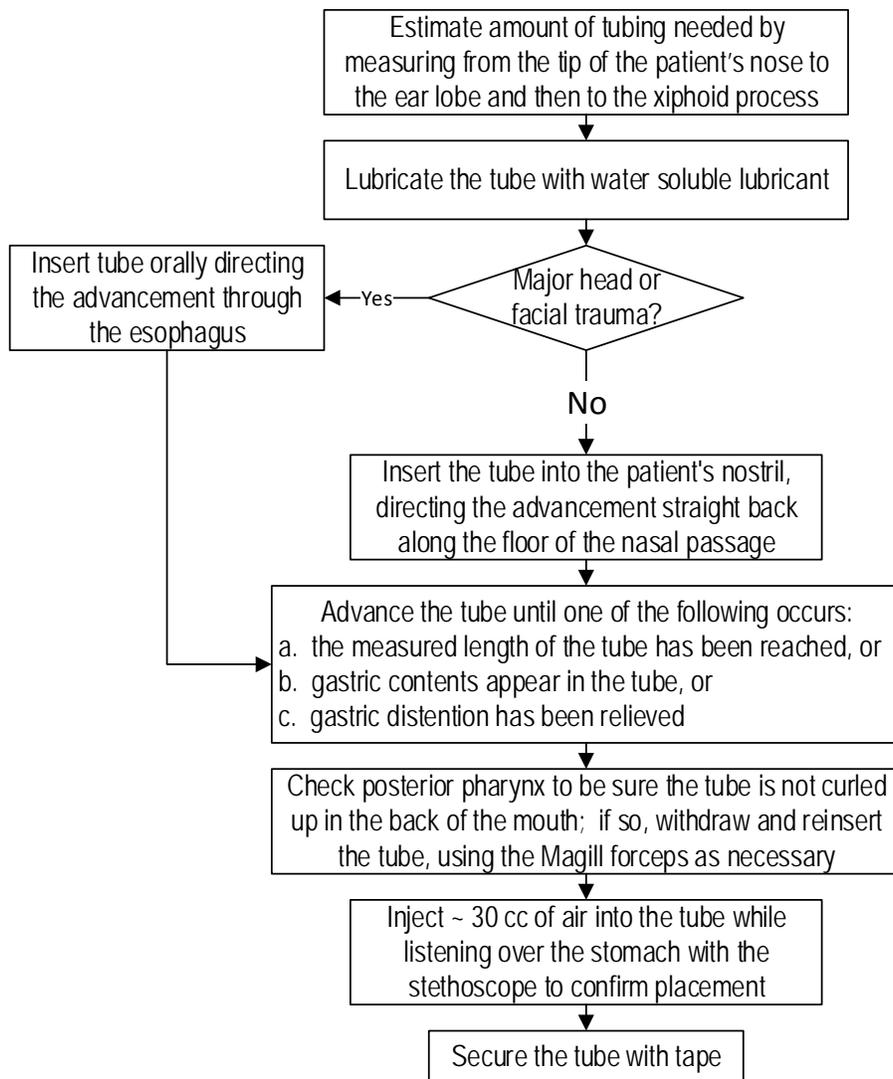


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Purpose: To decompress gastric dilatation following placement of an endotracheal tube		Indications: Intubated patient with gastric dilatation	
Advantages: Decompresses the stomach, reducing the chance for regurgitation and aspiration Allows freer downward movement of the diaphragm, making ventilation easier	Disadvantages: May stimulate vomiting	Complications: Epistaxis Accidental passage into the trachea may stimulate coughing	Contraindications: May NOT be used with an uncuffed ET tube



NOTES:

- The tube may be inserted orally if difficulty is encountered during attempt at nasal insertion.