Nasogastric (NG) Tube

A Nasogastric (NG) tube is a small tube placed through your nose which goes to the stomach. The tube can be used to:

1. Remove fluids and gas from your stomach
2. Prevent nausea and vomiting
3. Help with healing after surgery
4. Give liquids, medicines or nutrition (sometimes called a feeding tube)

The NG tube may cause your throat to be sore, and there may be times you feel like gagging. The doctor or nurse will tell you if you are able to eat or drink while the tube is in place.

Tell the nurse if you have any of the following:

- The NG tube leaks fluid on your gown or skin
- The tape that holds the tube in place on your nose becomes loose
- The NG tube comes out of your nose
- Your stomach begins to feel full
- You have nausea or feel sick to your stomach
- You have a sore throat, nose, or feel pain in your eyes or sinuses