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Health Sciences Centre

CRITICAL CARE

BOWEL ROUTINE FOR ALL PATIENTS

RECEIVING ENTERAL NUTRITION

PREPRINTED ORDER

KEY: R - REQUISITIONED P - PROCESSED (KARDEX)

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NON-MEDICATION ORDERS		R	P	MEDICATION ORDERS		P
1. Check for impaction q 3 days if no B.M. 2. Goal: one soft bowel movement per 24 hours. 3. Do not use bowel routine in the presence of bowel obstruction or Ogilvie's. 4. If patient has abdominal pain and/or distension, physician should examine patient clinically and/or radiologically before initiation of bowel routine.				1. If feces present on check for impaction and no B.M. for at least three days: a. Administer Bisacodyl rectal suppository 10 mg. b. If no effect within 4 hours administer Fleet rectal enema. Do not give Fleet rectal if serum phosphate >2.0 mmol/L. c. If no effect within 4 hours administer Lactulose 30 mL NG/PO q 6h until B.M. then Lactulose 30 mL NG/p.o. daily. d. If no effect within 24 hours administer Electrolyte Lavage Solution 500 mL NG/p.o. over 1 hour daily until B.M. then continue Electrolyte Lavage Solution 250 mL NG/p.o. over 1 hour daily. e. If no effect within 24 hours notify physician. 2. If no feces present on check for impaction and no B.M. for at least three days: a. Administer Lactulose 30 mL NG/p.o. q 6h until B.M. then Lactulose 30 mL NG/p.o. daily. b. If no effect within 24 hours administer Electrolyte Lavage Solution 500 mL NG/p.o. over 1 hour daily until B.M. then continue Electrolyte Lavage Solution 250 mL NG/p.o. over 1 hour daily. c. If no effect within 24 hours notify physician. 3. If diarrhea develops hold laxatives until diarrhea resolves, then restart bowel routine.		
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