

Protocol for Non-Operative Management of Small Bowel Obstruction

Criteria: a) Presumed adhesive bowel obstruction, b) CT scan findings consistent with SBO, and c) no indications for immediate surgery.

- 1. Place an 18Fr NGT (or largest one that can be placed)**
- 2. Obtain a KUB to confirm the NGT is past the GE junction (under the diaphragm and in the stomach).**
- 3. Place NGT to suction for 2 hours.**
- 4. Keep HOB > 30 degrees**
- 5. Administer 90cc of 37% gastrograffin into NGT**
- 6. Clamp NGT for 1 hour then reconnect to suction**
- 7. Order a KUB 8 hours after gastrograffin , if gastrograffin is in the colon then consider removal of NGT, if not in colon review film with attending and get KUB 24 hours after gastrograffin dose.**
- 8. Discuss with the attending after each film.**