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| REMOVAL OF FECAL IMPACTION | | | | NO. 81 | |
| PURPOSE:  To remove impacted feces which cannot be removed with laxatives or enemas. Attending physician must be consulted for orders. Procedure is usually performed by a licensed nurse.  EQUIPMENT:   1. Unsterile rubber glove, water-soluble lubricant 2. Soap, water and washcloth 3. Enema set 4. Bedpan 5. Extra linen   PROCEDURE: 15 min. 0.25 hr.   1. Assemble equipment. 2. Turn patient preferably in left Sims position. Explain procedure. 3. Drape patient and reassure patient. 4. Apply glove and lubricate well. 5. Insert forefinger very gently into anus. 6. Break stool into small pieces and manually remove same. 7. Procedure may be followed by a cleansing enema, depending on physician’s order. 8. Wash and dry rectal area. 9. Diaper patient if this is the procedure. 10. Leave patient comfortable. 11. Remove and clean equipment. 12. Wash hands. 13. Chart procedure:   a. Note findings  b. Results  c. Unusual observations | | | | | |
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