VERIFICATION OF TUBE PLACEMENT
PROCEDURE
ALWAYS USE STANDARD PRECAUTIONS

INDICATION
- To verify the placement of an endotracheal tube

EQUIPMENT
- Esophageal Detector Device (EDD)
- End Tidal Carbon Dioxide Detector (ETCO2 Detector)
- Stethoscope
- Capnography device

PROCEDURE
- After tube placement, apply EDD prior to first ventilation.
- Check for the following:
  - Auscultate the lungs; assess for presence and equality of breath sounds
  - Movement of air through the tube
  - Presence of condensation in the tube
  - Auscultate the stomach; assess for absence of air movement
- Apply capnometer or capnography if available.

DOCUMENTATION
- Response of EDD
- Color change of ETCO2 Detector
- Number and waveform of capnography

RELATED POLICIES/ PROCEDURES
- Oral Endotracheal Intubation Procedure  ALS PR 3