## **Nurse Led Enteral Feeding Algorithm**

## Patient requires Nasogastric feed.

- second opinion if estimating rate.

85 ml/hr

>85 kg\*

\*Refer to dietitian

55 ml/hr

- If unable to aspirate or pH>4, confirm correct position with CXR before feed

- Flush nasogastric tube with 20-50mls of sterile water before & after drug administration or feed stoppages for any reason
- If feeds are stopped to give medications which have drug nutrient interactions, increase the feeding rate to compensate eg. Oral phenytoin

If NJT insertion not possible within 3 days consider TPN

- Safest Position Semi-recumbent (30 45 degrees)
- Discard ALL aspirates.

