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SUMMARY OF INTERVENTIONAL HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH

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Please address all applicable points to create a complete and succinct synopsis of the protocol. If a point does not apply to your study, please state “NA.” Use language, insofar as is possible, that can be understood by a layperson, and provide meanings for all acronyms used. Please maintain all questions in the body of the text. For non-interventional research (questionnaires, surveys, and all sociobehavioral research), use form OHR-2B. **Form must be typewritten.**

PART A - SUMMARY OF STUDY

1. Brief Summary

a. Provide a brief (2-3 sentences) lay language synopsis of the study. Include an explanatory sentence about the study article (*e.g., product X is a compound that increases excretion of salt and therefore may be of use in the treatment of high blood pressure*)

- Gastric point of care ultrasound (G-POCUS) can show if a postoperative patient’s stomach is empty or full, and a full stomach has been correlated with delayed return of bowel function after surgery, longer time to GI-3 recovery (defined as the ability to tolerate a regular diet and have either flatus or bowel movement), and increased length of stay. In the study group, patients will have a gastric POCUS exam at 0600 on post-operative day 1 and daily thereafter until they have return of bowel function whereas in the control group, patients will receive standard postoperative care without the addition of any G-POCUS exams. In the study group, the results of the G-POCUS exams will be employed in a care algorithm designed to help clinicians decide how to advance patients’ diets and when to place and remove nasogastric tubes (NGT).

2. Objectives and Significance

a. State the primary objective(s) of the study.

- Determine if using G-POCUS as a clinical decision-making tool reduces rates of aspiration pneumonia/pneumonitis, length of hospital stay, need for additional/unplanned procedures in the patient population.

b. State the secondary objectives(s) of the study.

- Secondary: Determine if G-POCUS can be used to develop clinical practice guidelines for when to advance/de-escalate diets postoperatively and when to insert/remove NGTs in patients who are recovering from abdominal/colorectal surgery.

c. What benefit or knowledge will be gained?

- This study builds on the findings of our preliminary studies, which showed that a full stomach on handheld G-POCUS exam on postoperative day one was correlated with longer length of stay, increased incidence of delayed bowel function (DBF), emesis, and nasogastric tube placement. It will help determine if G-POCUS can be

47 used as an objective clinical decision-making tool for postoperative patients.
48 Ultimately, we hope that integrating G-POCUS exams into the clinical workflow
49 will help reduce rates of DBF, ileus, and aspiration pneumonia.
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51 d. State hypothesis you are testing.

- 52 • We hypothesize that G-POCUS can be used as an objective measure to diagnose
53 delayed bowel function after surgery, and consequently reduce the serious
54 complication associated with impaired return of bowel function.
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56 3. Briefly describe the background and rationale for the research in lay language. Please limit
57 response to one paragraph. State the perceived problem and why it is being investigated. (*Do*
58 *not include references and please do not cut and paste grant application or review articles.*
59 *“See investigator brochure” is not an acceptable response.*)
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61 Delayed bowel function (DBF) and postoperative ileus (POI), or disruption of the normal
62 forward peristaltic bowel activity after abdominal surgery are common complications in
63 general surgery patients that can lead to nausea, emesis, bowel perforation, or aspiration
64 pneumonitis. DBF and POI increase length of stay, morbidity, and mortality in general
65 surgery patients. It is extremely difficult to predict who will develop DBF and POI. Further,
66 diagnosing patients with postoperative DBF or POI is almost entirely based upon clinical
67 acumen, history, and physical exam. To date no imaging or laboratory studies are specifically
68 recommended to diagnose these complications.

69 Gastric Point of Care Ultrasound (G-POCUS) is a simple and reliable imaging modality that
70 can be performed at the bedside and does not involve ionizing radiation. In our pilot study, we
71 hypothesized that G-POCUS volume (ie: whether a patient’s stomach appears full or empty)
72 would correlate with measures of delayed bowel functioning based on identification of full
73 versus empty stomach postoperatively following colorectal surgery. To test this hypothesis,
74 we performed a small pilot study and found that patients with full stomachs had a higher
75 incidence of DBF, length of stay, emesis, and need for NGT placement.
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77 4. Briefly describe the research design. (*Use charts and flow diagrams if applicable.* “*See*
78 *protocol” is not an acceptable response.*)
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80 a. Subjects: State inclusion and exclusion criteria.

81 • Inclusion criteria:

- 82 ○ Completed signed and dated informed consent form
- 83 ○ Willing to comply with all study procedures
- 84 ○ Male or female, 18 years of age or older
- 85 ○ Presenting for a schedule elective colorectal/abdominal surgery, either open
86 or laparoscopic

87 • Exclusion criteria:

- 88 ○ History of gastroparesis or known gastric/intestinal motility disorder
- 89 ○ History of gastric/bariatric surgery
- 90 ○ Intubated/sedated postoperatively
- 91 ○ Presence of open abdominal wounds (including abdominal wound vac)
- 92 ○ Patients who received a complex abdominal wall reconstruction
- 93 ○ Class III/IV Wound (Contaminated/Infected/Dirty)

- 94 ○ Surgery was emergent/urgent/unscheduled
95 ○ NGT placed or present at time of operation
96 ○ Presence of ileostomy/colostomy
97 ○ J-pouch reconstruction patients
98 ○ Currently pregnant patients
99 ○ Patients aged <18 years old
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101 b. Procedures: Provide study visit details.
- 102 • This will be a randomized single-blinded study of handheld G-POCUS in which
103 our study population will be inpatients hospitalized after abdominal/colorectal
104 surgery at TJUH, Methodist Hospital, or Abington Hospital. Patients will be
105 randomized to an unblinded intervention arm or an unblinded standard of care
106 arm. On POD1, patients will be asked if they are having any GI symptoms. These
107 are defined as presence of nausea, emesis, belching, and/or hiccups. In the
108 intervention arm, clinicians will use the results of G-POCUS and
109 presence/absence of GI symptoms to inform decision making according to one of
110 two standardized algorithms (see Appendix). In the control arm, presence of GI
111 symptoms will be assessed, and once of two standardized algorithms which are
112 representative of the current standard of care for postoperative diet management.
113 Data from both groups will be used to determine if the G-POCUS studies' results
114 can predict the incidence of primary or secondary outcomes (control) or if
115 intervening on results of G-POCUS can decrease the incidence of undesirable
116 outcomes. This will be a multicenter study enrolling patients at TJUH, Methodist
117 Hospital, and Abington Hospital.
- 118 c. Data analysis: *(Provide statistical design for primary endpoint only. Please*
119 *indicate how the study is powered and what statistical tool(s) will be applied.*
120 *Please do not cut and paste entire statistical section from the sponsor protocol.*
121 *Pilot studies do not require a statistical plan but need to outline how the results*
122 *will be used to power future studies.)*
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- 124 • Sample size = 128 participants
125 80% power using 2-sided t test – would require 64 patients per group (128 total)
126 to show a 25% decrease in time to GI3 recovery in G-POCUS group vs standard
127 care group.
- 128 Sample size calculation was performed using a continuous variable as the primary
129 endpoint (number of days to GI-3 recovery), and assuming an alpha of 0.05 and a
130 power of 80%. Results from the pilot study were used to inform sample size
131 calculation. All patients in the pilot study took on average 1.5 days (SD 1-3 days)
132 to reach GI-3 recovery, while patients in the pilot study with empty stomachs on
133 G-POCUS on POD1, took 1 day on average (SD 1-2) to reach GI-3 recovery.
- 134 d. If the protocol involves sending tissue to a commercial entity, please certify that
135 the following criteria are met (see TJU policy #110.17, "Collection, storage, use
136 and distribution of tissue for research purposes"). Also, please provide a copy of
137 the sponsor contract/agreement or an e-mail from ORA certifying same. The PI
138 certifies that he or she (check applicable statements):

- Will have significant input into the study design and/or conduct of the study.
- Will receive experimental data and participate in data analysis.
- Has established the right to be a co-author on any publications related to this protocol.
- Certifies that Jefferson ORA is negotiating a sponsored research agreement, to be signed prior to work commencing.

5. Delineate procedures that are standard of care from those that are being performed specifically for the research. *Delete examples and add additional rows to table as appropriate. Provide the information to the best of your ability.*

Procedure	Research	Standard of Care
G-POCUS on POD1	X	
G-POCUS on POD 2-5, if criteria met	X	

6. Describe the Data and Safety Monitoring Plan (DSMP) for this protocol. See OHR Policy G 616 for guidance.

 X Study is minimal risk and does not require a DSMP. Accuracy of data will be confirmed by PI before study is locked.

- For Investigator Initiated Treatment Trials:
Will the study be overseen by the KCC Data Safety Monitoring Committee?
 X YES NO

If NO, please provide information regarding a DSMP or independent study monitor
Who is the monitor or describe the expertise of the DSM Committee:
What will be monitored:
Stopping rules:
Frequency of monitoring reports:

- For commercially sponsored research:
Is there a DSMP or DSMC? YES NO

If NO, please provide sponsor rationale and indicate how the site will receive information about study-wide adverse events or unanticipated problems involving risk to subjects or others?

- For NIH-sponsored studies:
Is this a National Clinical Trial Network (NCTN) study? YES NO

If NO, please provide information regarding a DSMP or independent study monitor
Who is the monitor or describe the expertise of the DSM Committee:
What will be monitored:
Stopping rules:
Frequency of monitoring reports:

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If Jefferson is a subcontracted site of a multi-center NIH-sponsored trial, how often and by what mechanism will safety or other reports be received from the coordinating center?

7. Identify the sources of research material obtained from individually identifiable living human subjects in the form of specimens, records, or data.
 - All patient-related data will be obtained from Epic via chart review by investigators, as well as via patient interview at their preoperative clinic visit. Results of G-POCUS exams, patient demographics, patient medical history, data from the intraoperative record, data from the medication administration record, data from notes, and radiographic data obtained postoperatively will be reviewed in Epic by investigators and stored in Redcap. Name, Length of Stay, Dates (treatment), MRN#, ultrasound images, ultrasound measurements, diet at times of evaluation, patient reported symptoms of DBF and POI, and need for NGT placement will be collected.
8. The following steps must be taken to ensure that identifiable data remains confidential and secure. Please check each box to confirm your understanding. There are fields below to provide explanations and to describe deviations as well as additional measures.
 - a. A separate research chart must be maintained apart from the medical record/chart of the subject.
 - b. There are 18 identifiers described in 45 CFR 164.514 that make data identifiable. To be considered de-identified, data must not contain any of the identifiers (also see OHR-5 for list of identifiers).
 - c. When not in use, identifiable data should be stored in a locked cabinet or desk in a locked room.
 - d. Access to the data should be limited. Only the individuals who need the data should have access.
 - e. If hardcopies of identifiable data must be taken to another building, a locked container such as a banker bag should be used. The container should be marked with instructions for returning the container if misplaced.
 - f. If hardcopies of identifiable data must be mailed, there must be a contract in place which specifies the method of doing this. The data should be placed in one envelope inside of another envelope. Both envelopes should have tamper-evident seals and should be addressed to the specific recipient. Signatures should be required for receipt, or lockable mailboxes should be used.
 - g. If research data is stored on your work computer, encryption software must be installed on the computer. Contact IS&T if you are not sure if the encryption software is installed.
 - h. PHI may be emailed between Jefferson email addresses. Jefferson email must not be sent from or forwarded to a non-Jefferson email address such as your personal email.
 - i. Research data and PHI should not be stored on portable devices including laptops. If research data must be stored on a portable device, contact IS&T.
 - j. External monitors will only be given access to subjects' medical records as specified in the signed consent form.
 - k. Research data and PHI must be maintained per Jefferson policies.

229 If you have any explanations for, or deviations to the items listed above, **please describe**
230 **them:**

231 If applicable, **please describe any additional measures that will be taken:**

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233 9. Will the subjects bear any costs that are not part of routine clinical care? ___Yes XNo

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235 10. How will the cost of reasonably foreseeable medical care in the event of a research-related
236 injury be covered? This information can be found in, and must be consistent with, the
237 contract. Contact your contracts specialist with any questions.

238 ___ Covered by the Commercial Sponsor

239 X Covered by the Subject

240 ___ Covered by Jefferson, Government, Philanthropy or other grant (Please
241 identify): _____

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243 **PART B- SUBJECTS AND FACILITIES**

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245 1. What is the expected number of subjects to be enrolled?

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No. subjects per year	Total No. subjects	No. Subjects Nationally or Internationally (if applicable)	No. subjects at collaborating Institutions (if applicable)
Up to: 128	Up to: 128	N/A	N/A

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248 2. Identify where the research will be conducted and describe the adequacy of facilities.

- 249 • Research will be performed at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (TJUH), Methodist
250 Hospital, Abington Hospital and their outpatient clinics in the department of surgery.
251 Patients will be enrolled and consented, preoperatively in the surgical clinic on the 5th floor
252 of the medical office building (MOB) or in the Wolf building if enrolled at Methodist. They
253 will undergo surgery in TJUH or MHD operating rooms and have a corresponding inpatient
254 hospital stay at TJUH or MHD. Postoperative follow up also occurs at 5MOB or 1300 Wolf
255 St. These facilities are well equipped to manage these subjects. We additionally anticipate
256 enrolling patients at Jefferson Abington. Their outpatient clinics, operating room, and
257 inpatient facilities are well-equipped to manage these subjects.

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259 3. Please identify any facilities to be used for research other than those assigned to Department or
260 division.

- 261 • We anticipate enrolling patients at Jefferson Abington

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263 4. Describe provisions to protect the privacy of participants during the course of the study. (Privacy
264 can be defined as the participant's desire to control the ways in which s/he is approached and/or
265 the ways in which his/her private information is shared with others.)

- 266 • Patients will be offered participation in this study as part of our standard pre-operative visit
267 in the surgical clinic. The treating physicians as well as the study coordinator will inform
268 them of the details of the study. Their personal health information will be protected
269 according to HIPAA standards. They will be advised of their right to discontinue
270 participation at any time.

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272 5. How has the research staff been trained regarding study protocol and their duties related to the
 273 protocol (in-service, investigator meeting, etc.)?

- 274 • Participating surgeons have all been notified that the study will be performed. Participating
 275 physicians and physician extenders in the 5MOB and 1300 Wolf surgical clinic are
 276 competent in explaining the study to subjects. The PI in proper collection of data has trained
 277 research staff. Additional training will be performed by the PI and research team prior to
 278 the study opening at the weekly Department of Surgery GI conference to familiarize all
 279 involved in the study with the details of the conduct of the study such as enrollment,
 280 randomization, data collection, HIPAA standards, etc. Surgical residents will be trained in
 281 the use of handheld ultrasounds for G-POCUS prior to study initiation, and will be able to
 282 contact research staff for assistance with obtaining exams or using the handheld
 283 ultrasounds. Training logs and delegation logs will be maintained in the regulatory binder
 284 to document training and responsibilities for each study personnel.
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286 6. Within the study population, are the following groups eligible to be subjects in this study?
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	Yes	No
*Women of reproductive potential	X	
Pregnant women/fetuses/neonates (if yes, and study is interventional or targets pregnant women, include OHR-27 as an addendum to the OHR-2)		X
Men of reproductive potential	X	
Vulnerable Populations (Please see list below)		
Individuals with impaired decision-making capacity (check yes <i>only if research targets and could benefit this population</i>) Note: If yes, please also review and complete the information in this form for decisionally – impaired subjects.		X
*Minorities	X	
Prisoners (if yes, notify the IRB in advance of the meeting)		X
*Economically or educationally disadvantaged persons	X	
Students/employees		X

288 7. If applicable, what additional protective mechanisms are in place to protect the rights and
 289 welfare of vulnerable populations?
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291 Participation will be offered to all eligible patients in our practice who can freely provide
 292 consent without coercion and do not meet defined exclusion criteria.
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294 8. If one of the populations with an (*) in the table above are excluded, provide the reason. N/A
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296 *Note: NIH policy requires that minorities and women be adequately represented as research*
 297 *subjects. If this is an NIH-funded study and you will be excluding either of these populations, you*
 298 *must provide a scientific reason for such exclusion.*
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300 **PART C- DRUGS AND DEVICES**

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 302 **I. General Information**
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304 1. Identify all investigational drugs and/or devices to be used in this study and provide related
 305 information: *(please note that an approved drug is investigational if it is a test*
 306 *article/comparator in a research study)*

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 308 NA – No Investigational Drugs or Devices Used in this Study
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Drug or Device	IND# / IDE# / HDE#	Organization / Person Holding IND / IDE / HDE	FDA Approved	Not Being Used for Intended Indication
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 311 If research involves an investigational drug or device, the Principal Investigator (PI) will confirm
 312 that the IND/IDE/HDE numbers are valid by providing the IRB with one of the following:

- 313 • The sponsor protocol imprinted with the IND/IDE/HDE number
- 314 • A written communication from the sponsor documenting the IND/IDE/HDE number
- 315 • A written communication from the FDA documenting the IND/IDE/HDE number
 316 (required if an investigator listed on the protocol holds the IND/IDE/HDE)

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 318 2. When the investigator or Jefferson holds the IND/IDE/HDE, the Investigator/Jefferson becomes
 319 the “sponsor” of the research and assumes responsibility to ensure that all FDA regulatory
 320 criteria for sponsors are met. Please provide your plan for meeting FDA regulatory criteria for
 321 sponsors.

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 323 For example:

- 324 • Investigator who holds an IND/IDE/HDE will assign some or all responsibilities to meet
 325 FDA sponsor requirements to a contract research organization (CRO).
- 326 • Investigator will undergo an audit by a CRO to ensure that procedures are in place so that
 327 all FDA regulatory requirements of sponsors will be met.
- 328 • Investigator will assign responsibility of compliance with some FDA regulatory
 329 requirements to a CRO and investigator will obtain an audit from a CRO to ensure that
 330 procedures are in place so that all other FDA regulatory requirements of sponsors will be
 331 met.

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 333 NOTE: If you intend to use someone who is in-house and who has expertise on sponsor
 334 requirements, please justify that that person has equivalent expertise to a CRO.
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- 336 3. Identify all non-investigational medications and/or devices specified in the protocol that the
337 subject will receive while on this study. *This refers to drugs or devices that the subject will receive*
338 *but are not being tested as part of this study.*
339 • Gastric POCUS studies will be obtained using Kosmos, a handheld portable ultrasound
340 that is FDA approved for clinical use. This product has already been validated for use, and
341 this is not a novel application of the technology.
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343 **II. Drugs**

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345 **Does study involve drugs?** YES _____ NO X
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347 **III. Devices**

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349 **1. Does study involve a device?** YES ___ NO X If no, delete the REST of this Device
350 section.

351 *If YES, please submit OHR-25 Investigational Device Worksheet.*
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353 **2. Does the study involve an in vitro diagnostic device?** YES _____ NO X
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355 *If YES, please submit OHR-28 In Vitro Diagnostic Device Worksheet.*
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357 **PART D - RISKS, BENEFITS, AND ALTERNATIVES**

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359 **1. What are the risks of the research?**

- 360 • There are minimal risks involved in participation. The main risk is mild physical
361 discomfort during the ultrasound exam.
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363 **2. Discuss how the study design minimizes risks and maximizes benefits associated with this study.**

- 364 • This study poses minimal risk to enrolled participants above what is standard of care at
365 Jefferson. If a patient at any point in time feels uncomfortable with the ultrasound, they
366 may request that the care team stops and they will be removed from the study immediately.
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368 **3. What are the potential benefits of participation?**

- 369 • Benefits of participation include possible reduced risk of delayed bowel function and
370 postoperative ileus. Additionally, the information we learn during this study may help
371 patients in the future.
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373 **4. Explain how the risks of the research are justified by potential benefit to the subject or society.**

- 374 • By implementing ultrasound into the patients' evaluation, there is minimal risk than
375 standard of care. However, with this additional clinical information, a more informed
376 decision can be made regarding their bowel function and diet status, potentially leading to
377 increased clinical accuracy, and better patient outcomes.
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379 **5. How would you treat this patient in a non-investigational setting? Please describe the treatment**
380 **that is considered standard of care, as well as any alternative procedures or drugs or other**
381 **courses of therapy that might be used, if such alternatives exist (include palliative care).**

- 382 • The current standard of care for assessing the risk for both of these complications heavily
383 relies on interview and physical exam, both of which can be skewed by subjective
384 differences amongst patients.
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- 386 6. How do the risks and side effects of the standard therapies compare to those associated with the
387 study therapy?
- 388 • The side-effect of gastric ultrasound is mild discomfort during the examination. If a patient
389 experiences this, and wishes to terminate the exam, they will not receive additional gastric
390 ultrasounds and will be removed from the study.
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- 392 7. If this is a placebo-controlled trial, please provide rationale for use of placebo.
393 • NA
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- 395 8. If subjects will not receive standard of care, provide rationale for this and address risks of not
396 receiving standard of care.
397 • As stated in question 4, we are adding minimally-invasive diagnostic data into these
398 patients' care and, therefore, minimal risk is assumed by the patient. This will potentially
399 lead to more informed clinical decisions. This is a low-risk method by which we hope to
400 refine and redefine what the standard of care will be.
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- 402 9. Please address any risks associated with a “washout” period if applicable.
403 N/A
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PART E - CHILDREN

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- 407 1. Will this study involve children (age 17 or under)?
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- 409 ___ **YES** – Complete form OHR-26, “Research Involving Children” and submit as an
410 addendum to the OHR-2.
411 _**X**_ **NO** – Delete the REST of this Children section and skip to Part F.
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PART F – RECRUITMENT, EQUITABLE SELECTION, AND CONSENT PROCESS

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- 415 1. Discuss the recruitment plan and describe recruitment methods and materials (e.g., physician
416 referral, newspaper ad, radio, TV spot, e-mail, etc.).
417 • Patients will be recruited from our current clinical practice. No additional recruiting efforts
418 are planned.
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- 420 2. Will all qualified subject populations have adequate access to recruitment materials? Please
421 explain.
422 • All individuals referred to our practice will be offered participation provided they meet
423 eligibility requirements and are capable of providing informed consent.
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- 425 3. Is the location and cultural setting of the research equally accessible to all qualified subject
426 populations? If not, what can be done to make the location and setting more accessible?
427 • Our location is currently accessible to all persons referred to Thomas Jefferson University
428 Hospital for care.

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4. Are non-English speaking participants anticipated?

- No – non-English speaking subjects are not anticipated. If a non-English speaking subject who is eligible for the study wants to participate, the subject will be consented following TJU’s OHR policy IC705

(Please note that in general, non-English speaking subjects should not be excluded from studies with possible therapeutic benefit unless there is a valid scientific, ethical, or logistical reason.)

Please do one of the following:

- a. Provide the rationale for excluding non-English speaking participants.

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- b. The following steps will be taken if non-English speaking subjects are anticipated:

- A translated full consent form, in the subject’s language, will be IRB approved prior study initiation.
- All translated documents must be included with the IRB submission, along with proof of translation (certification from agency or name and qualifications of individual). Please note that this includes consent forms, recruitment materials, and all relevant patient-facing documents.
- At the time of the consent discussion, a translator will need to be present (in-person or via telephone interpreter service). The translator must be an adult who is fluent in both languages.
- All parties will sign the translated consent form.

-OR-

- c. If the above process will not be used, please describe the process that will be used if non-English speaking subjects are anticipated:

Note: For additional information, including information about unexpected non-English speaking subjects, please see OHR Policy IC 705.

5. If you are requesting a waiver of written consent, describe the information that will be provided to participants.

- N/A – we will obtain written consent for all participants

6. Who will conduct the consent interview?

- Either the treating surgeons who are the PI and co-investigators for this study or the study coordinator will conduct consent interview.

7. Who will provide consent or permission (e.g., subject, legally authorized representative, parent, caregiver, etc.)?

- Patients will provide their own consents. Surrogate consent will not be obtained.

- 476 8. Where will the consent interview take place?
477 • 1100 Walnut St, 5th floor, Department of Surgery Clinic or 1300 Wolf St, Department of
478 Surgery Clinic at Methodist Division
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- 480 9. Provide a step-by-step description of the consent process.
481 • Patients are seen in our office and evaluated for surgery.
482 • Patients felt to be candidates for the trial and who meet the inclusion criteria for the study,
483 are then informed of the risks and benefits of participating in the study by the treating
484 surgeon who is a co-investigator on the trial.
485 • Their questions are answered until they are able to reach a decision about participating in
486 the trial.
487 • After the initial discussion of the study, additional questions are typically answered by the
488 study coordinator who guides that patient through the remainder of the consent process and
489 completion of the consent form.
490 • Patients unable or unwilling to reach a decision at that time are given the opportunity to
491 return at a later date for further discussion.
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- 493 10. Describe your plan to assess a person's capacity to consent.
494 • Our plan to assess capacity to consent to research is the same as our current approach to
495 assessing patient's ability to consent to surgery. This is done as part of our standard pre-
496 operative evaluation in the clinic. Any patients / potential subjects thought to be
497 potentially decisionally impaired will be referred to mental health specialists as part of
498 our standard practice prior to obtaining informed consent.
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- 500 11. Will you seek assent from decisionally-impaired individuals? If so, describe your plan for
501 obtaining assent. Note: If decisionally-impaired subjects will be included and are not capable
502 of consenting themselves, the OHR-8 consent template must be submitted along with a
503 simplified consent form (e.g., OHR-8C) and/or the surrogate consent form (OHR-8B).
504 • No
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- 506 12. Will the potential subject be informed of the research or be provided a copy of the consent to
507 review prior to the actual time of consent? If so, how much time in advance? How much time
508 will be available for the consent process?
509 • Patients will be provided a copy of the consent at the initial office visit. Typically,
510 patients are seen in the office 2 to 3 weeks prior to their scheduled operation. Patients
511 will be afforded time during the initial office visit to review the consent form and ask
512 questions. Patients will be informed that they can provide consent at that point or at any
513 point up until two weeks before their operation. They will be informed that if they are
514 undecided, need additional time to review the consent, need additional time to reach a
515 decision, or would like to further discuss the study with one of the investigators or the
516 study coordinator, then appropriate arrangements will be made.
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- 519 13. What provisions will be made if the potential subject does not wish to proceed with the consent
520 interview at the first encounter?

- 521 • Patients will not be approached additional times after the first encounter. They will be
522 informed that they may contact the PI or co-investigators and further discuss participation
523 at any time after the initial interview if they so wish. Patients will receive the same
524 standard of care despite their decision to participate or not.
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526 14. Is surrogate consent involved? YES _____ NO X

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528 15. Will subjects be paid or receive any other inducements for participating? If yes, please explain.
529 *Please note that payment of subjects must be on a pro-rated basis unless there are compelling*
530 *reasons not to prorate. There cannot be a requirement to finish all visits in order for subjects*
531 *to be paid, as this is considered coercive.*

- 532 • No
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534 16. Describe any steps taken to minimize the possibility of coercion or undue influence.

- 535 • Voluntary participation will be stressed. The ability of patients to have colorectal surgery
536 at Jefferson without participating in any research protocols and still be treated at the same
537 high level as all of our patients will be emphasized. Patients will also be aware that they
538 can stop study participation at any time they wish.
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540 17. The following list of procedures (referred to as MCARE procedures) is used to determine
541 which investigator signature line option should be used in the consent form.

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543 None - The study does not involve any of these procedures -OR- Check All that Apply:
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- 545 1. Administration of anesthesia (local, general, conscious sedation, etc.)
546 2. Performance of surgical procedures
547 3. Administration of chemotherapy and therapeutic radiation
548 4. Administration of blood and/or human source products
549 5. Refusal to allow transfusion of blood and/or human source products
550 6. Insertion of a surgical device or appliance
551 7. Performance of abortion
552 8. Performance of sterilization
553 9. Performance of any HIV-related testing (See Policy #113.58, HIV Testing, for specific
554 documentation requirements)
555 10. Performance of ECT
556 11. Administration of an experimental medication, use of an experimental device, use of
557 an approved medication or device in an experimental manner or the removal of bone, fluids
558 or tissue for use in research or in the manufacture of a product. Experimental procedures
559 and consent forms must be approved by the Institutional Review Board (“IRB”).
560 12. Invasive procedures, such as halo placement, central venous catheterization, pulmonary
561 artery catheterization
562 13. Performance of vaginal delivery/cesarean section
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564 18. Based on the answer above, select the appropriate option for the investigator signature line.
565 The option you choose must match the option in the consent form.

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567 Include for studies involving MCARE procedures.

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569 By signing below, you the physician investigator, certify that you and/or a qualified
570 practitioner who is also a co-investigator or key personnel, reviewed the purpose, procedures,
571 risks, benefits, and alternatives to participation with the study participant. The other elements
572 of consent may be provided by properly trained and qualified key personnel.

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574 Include for all other studies.

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576 By signing below, you the investigator, certify that you, a co-investigator, or other properly
577 trained and qualified key personnel, reviewed the elements of consent with the study
578 participant.

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580 19. If your study involves MCARE procedures, but you do not intend to have a physician
581 investigator or a qualified practitioner who is also a co-investigator or key personnel review
582 the purpose, procedures, risks, benefits, and alternatives to participation with the study
583 participant, please provide the rationale.

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585 20. A copy of the signed and dated consent form must be given to the subject and this must be
586 documented. How will it be documented that subjects are given a copy of the signed and dated
587 consent form? Check All that Apply:

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589 Checkbox on the consent form
590 Consent Checklist
591 Progress Note
592 EPIC
593 Screening and enrollment log
594 A log indicating that each subject received or declined the consent form
595 Other (Indicate Method):
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597 **PART G - STANDARD / EXPERIMENTAL RADIATION USE**
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599 1. Does this study involve the use of radioactive material or radiation source?
600 **YES** __X__ **NO** ____ If no, skip to Part H.

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602 2. a.) Will the subject receive radiation greater than normally received in the course of standard
603 therapy or diagnostic procedures? ____ Yes __X__No

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605 If YES, complete the OHR-32 and submit as indicated in the form.

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607 b.) If yes, indicate what type of radiation the patient will be receiving:
608 __X__ Diagnostic _____ Therapeutic _____ Both. If both please explain.
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610 3. Is any radiation modality experimental? ____ Yes __X__No

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612 If yes, what are the risks associated with the experimental modality?

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614 Please provide a copy of the approval letter from the Radiation Safety Committee when received.

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PART H - LOCATION/COLLABORATION

1. This study involves research to be performed at/in/with (*check ALL appropriate entries*):

- Abington-Jefferson Health
- East Falls (Philadelphia University)
- Jefferson-Northeast
- Jefferson Health-New Jersey
- Jefferson-Center City
- Jefferson as part of a multi-center, commercially sponsored study
- Jefferson as part of an NCTN study
- JKCCN sites (specify sites):
- Rothman Institute (specify sites):
- Methodist
- Jefferson and Other Institution(s) *Please name institutions only for investigator-initiated and federally funded studies where data will be shared between institutions. Please provide copy of collaborating institution IRB approval letter if applicable. The OHR will effect IRB Authorization Agreements with collaborating institutions as required. Please name institutions:*
- Collaboration with City Services (*City of Philadelphia IRB must approve study. For more information, go to <http://www.phila.gov/health/irb/>.*) *Please list collaborating city services:*
- Unaffiliated Investigators. *Each will need to complete an unaffiliated investigator agreement available on the OHR website. Please specify by name and role in study:*

2. This question is not applicable if research is a commercially sponsored multi-center trial.

Will research be conducted in states other than Pennsylvania? YES NO

If YES, does research involve subjects age 17 or younger? YES NO

If YES to either or both, in what state(s) will research be conducted? _____

Below please (a) verify the age at which participants in such state(s) have the ability to consent to participation in research, including any medical treatments or procedures, if applicable and/or (b) verify the requirements for determining who may serve as a Legally Authorized Representative, including a guardian for a child to participate in research. You must also provide information on any state specific regulations on privacy requirements and genetic research if applicable. Please contact the Privacy Office for information, as needed.

Age at which participants have the ability to consent to participate in research: _____

State specific requirements: _____

3. If the investigator is the lead investigator or Jefferson is the lead site in a multi-site study, please address the following: N/A

- a. Where is the repository for adverse events and unanticipated problems and how will information be disseminated to other sites?

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- b. Who will tabulate and disseminate interim results?
- c. Who will provide information to other sites concerning protocol modifications?
- d. Describe how information that is relevant to participant safety will be managed (i.e., notifying site investigators of SAEs and Unanticipated Problems Involving Risks to Subjects or Others, communicating DSMB or Interim Reports, etc.)
- e. Is this study part of a cooperative single IRB submission? YES NO
 - a. If yes, please attach documentation of approval by the Federal department or agency supporting or conducting the research or lead institution as part of your submission. IRB approval will NOT be issued until documentation has been received.
 - b. List all institutions submitted as part of the cooperative single IRB submission:

Collaborative Studies: For investigator-initiated studies that are collaborative or multi-center, or for federally funded studies where Jefferson is the lead site, please provide documentation of approval by the Federal department or agency supporting or conducting the research or lead institution. If the collaborating institution does not have its own IRB, then the institution must first obtain a Federal-Wide Assurance (FWA) from the Office of Human Research Protection (OHRP). This registers the institution with the federal government for conducting human subjects research. Unaffiliated investigators involved with this study should fill out an Unaffiliated Investigator Agreement, also available at the above Website address.

688 **PART I - CERTIFICATION**

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Federal Regulations require the following responsibilities of the Principal Investigator. Please check those items to which you have conformed, and sign.

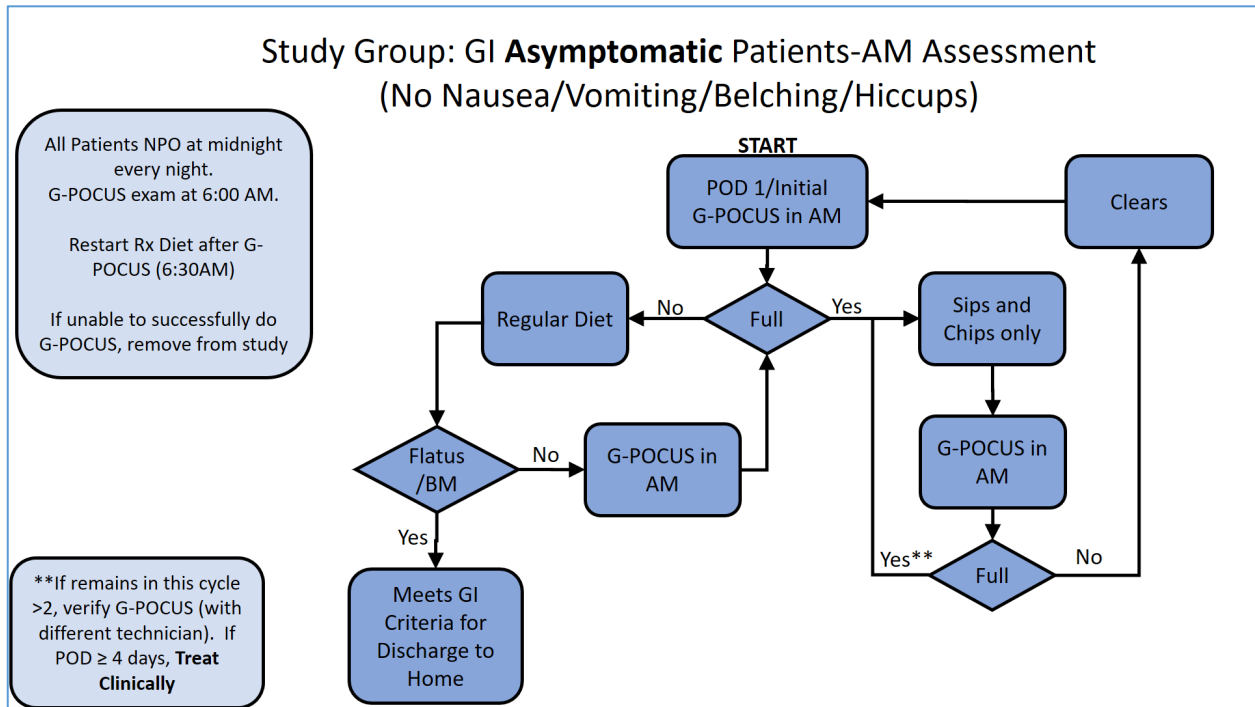
As Principal Investigator, I certify that: *(check appropriate boxes)*

- I understand the federally-mandated responsibilities of a research investigator in conducting a clinical protocol.
- I will conduct this clinical protocol in accordance with these responsibilities.
- I will consent all subjects with an IRB-approved consent form, if applicable to the project, and store the consent forms in a safe repository.
- I will provide all subjects with a copy of their signed and dated consent form.
- All personnel have been appropriately trained for their assigned roles in this research.
- If this study utilizes an investigational agent(s), the dose(s) of the agent(s) cited in the IRB internal forms and the consent form agrees with the dose(s) cited in the protocol.

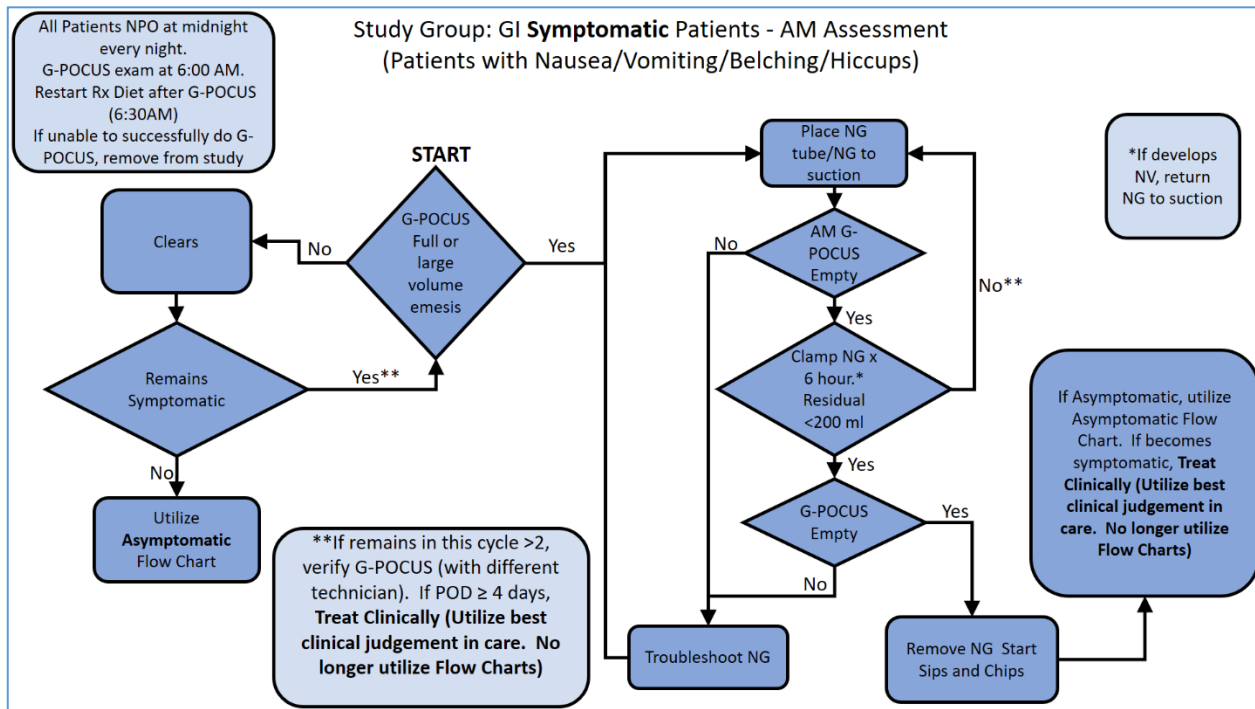
Signature of Principal Investigator Date

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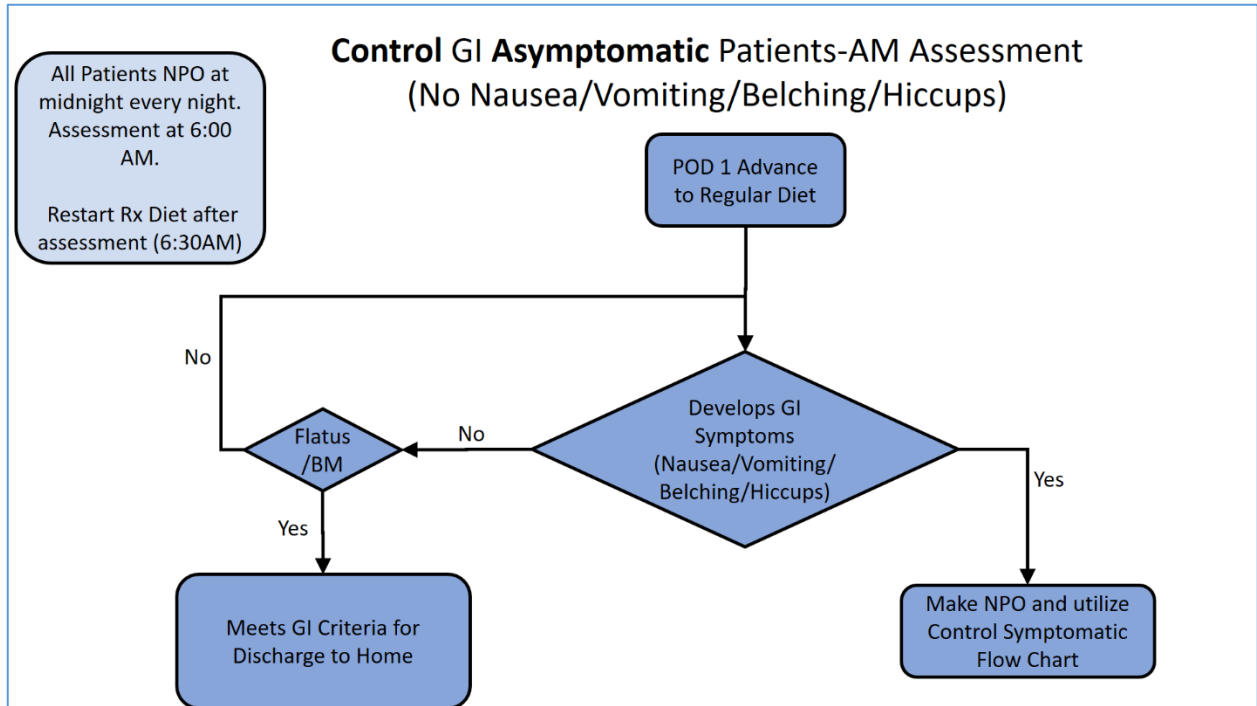
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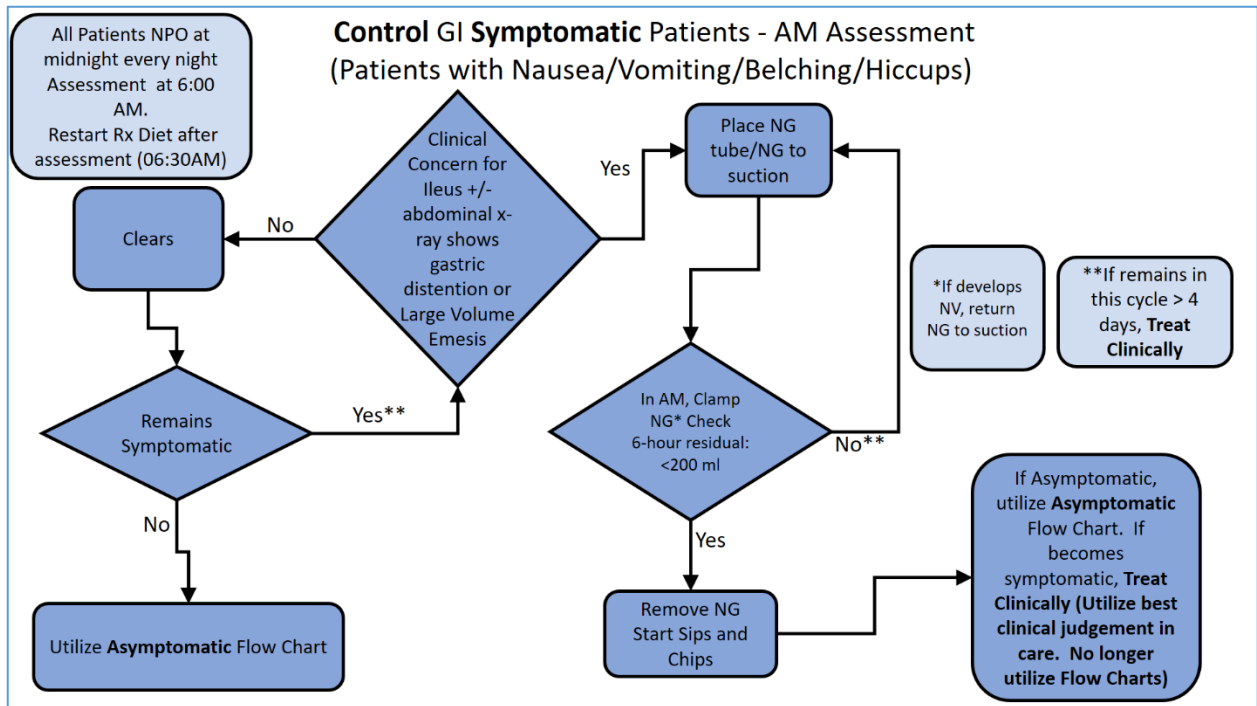
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