Initiation of Peripheral Intravenous in the Operating Room and Endoscopy Suite– Medical Directive

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Authorizing Prescriber(s)

All Anesthesiologist at all sites (exception, Lakeridge Health Whitby)
Gastroenterologists at all sites
Surgeons who practice in the Endoscopy suites at all sites
Respirologists who practice in the Endoscopy suite

Authorized to Whom

Nurses that work in Day Surgery, Endoscopy and/or PACU who have the knowledge, skill and judgement to initiate a Peripheral Venous Access Device (PVAD).

Patient Description/Population

Any adult (18 years of age and older) patient registered for a procedure in either the main Operating Room or Endoscopy suite that requires sedation, general anesthesia and/or regional anesthesia.

Order and/or Procedure

These procedures are not presented in sequential order; any one of or combination of the procedures below may be performed by the nurse.
1. Initiate intravenous of Lactated Ringers at an infusion rate of 50 mL/hr.
2. After x2 missed attempts, nurse to call MRP and/or Anesthesiologist.

Indications to the Implementation of the Directive

Any adult inpatient and/or outpatient undergoing any procedure in the operating room or endoscopy suite that requires sedation, general anesthesia and/or regional anesthesia

Contraindications to the Implementation of the Directive

The directive will not be implemented in any of the following circumstances:

- The patient and/or SDM/family member refuses to consent to the treatment
- Physician orders any other intravenous infusion
- Patients has an existing patent PVAD.
- The patient is not an adult
- Dialysis patients coming for new AV Fistula insertion

Consent

The nurse implementing the medical directive must obtain consent and document that consent has been obtained.

In the event that the patient and/or SDM has refused to provide consent the nurse will contact the MRP.

Documentation Requirements

Standard documentation practices, including date of ordering, electronic signature, and indication/rationale will be documented in the patient's Electronic Health Record (HER) "As per Medical Directive".

Review/Evaluation Process

This medical Directive will be reviewed every two years by the surgical program.

References

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