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### **PURPOSE:**

To outline steps in starting intravenous fluids and caring for patients with intravenous fluids.

#### SCOPE:

Applies to all Nursing Service Division (Department/Section/Unit)Staff, Medical Doctors, and Pharmacist of Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital

### PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Staff Nurse, Medical Doctors, Pharmacist

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

- 1. All intravenous fluid administration shall require a doctor's order.
- 2. Asepsis and infection control guidelines shall be followed at all times.
- 3. Policy on changing of IV site and IV tubings shall be followed
- Policy on 2 patient identifiers shall be practiced.

## PROCEDURE:

- 1 Nurse in charge checks doctor's order prior to administration of IV fluids.
- 2 Nurse in charge informs and explains the procedure to the client for better cooperation.
- 3 Nurse in charge performs hand washing technique
- 4 Nurse in charge prepares the necessary materials to be used:
  - 4.1 IV tray
  - 4.2 Tourniquet
  - 4.3 IV Fluid
  - 4.4 IV Tubing
  - 4.5 Alcohol swab
  - 4.6 Gloves



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- 4.7 Splint (optional)
- 4.8 Micropore
- 4.9 IV label
- 4.10 IV cannulas
  - 4.10.1 g.18 for surgical patients / blood transfusion
  - 4.10.2 g.20 for adults
  - 4.10.3 g.22 pedia patients
  - 4.10.4 g.24 & 26 for newborns and infants
- 5 Nurse in charge labels and calibrates IV fluid.
  - 5.1 Intravenous incorporations should be labeled
  - 5.2 Piggy backs
    - 5.2.1 Side drip intravenous fluids should be numbered consecutively and accordingly from mainline IV fluids.

      ( Example PB<sub>1</sub>, PB<sub>2</sub>, PB<sub>3</sub>, etc. )
    - In cases where there are more than one side drip or piggy back, labeling should be done as follows:

      PB<sup>A</sup><sub>1</sub> and then numbered consecutively for the first PB

      PB<sup>B</sup><sub>1</sub> and then numbered consecutively for the second PB and so on.
- 6 Nurse in charge labels IV tubings as to due date
- 7 Nurse in charge documents procedure
  - 7.1 In cases where IV fluids are ordered discontinued and later re-started, consider it as another set thus designated as Set B with follow ups numbered consecutively.
- 8 Nurse in charge assesses patient's IV fluids every two hours for patency and correct infusion rate and volume.
- 9 Nurse in charge discontinues IV fluids if ordered by the physician and documents properly.

(Example: 1/1/09 12pm – IVF # \_\_\_\_ terminated without any ill effect) Date, time, IVF #, IVF name



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KEY TASKS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1. Verifies, carries out and implements doctor's order.	
<ol><li>Documents procedure done in the patient's medical record.</li></ol>	Staff Nurses
<ol> <li>Prescribes the fluids needed for treatment and management of the patient.</li> </ol>	Medical Doctors
2. Orders to discontinue fluid treatment.	
Dispenses fluid ordered and other materials needed.	Pharmacist



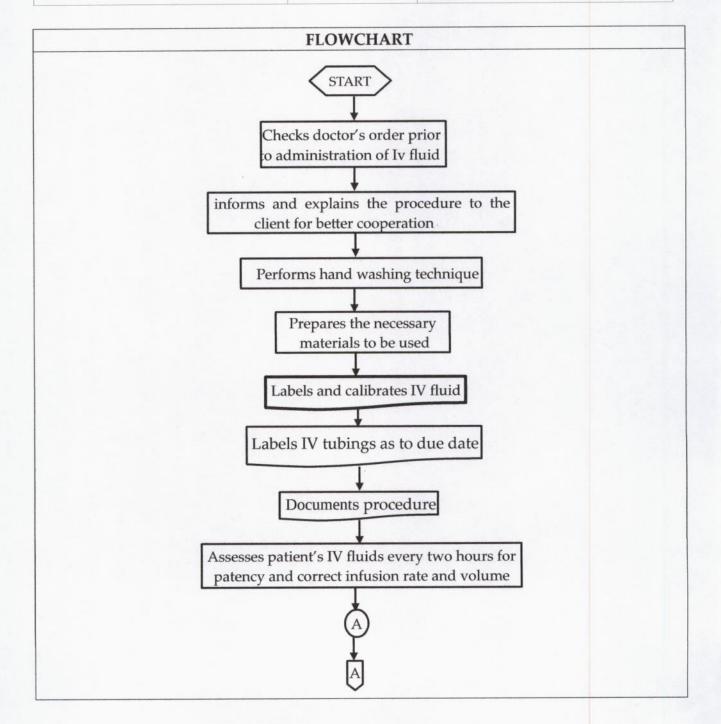
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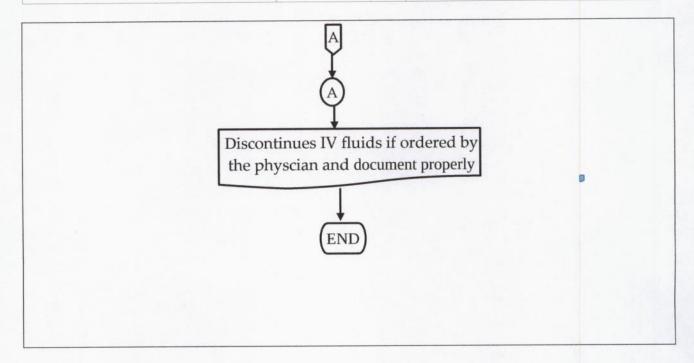


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