

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Nursing	SUBJECT: Intravenous Therapy	SECTION: 1
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INTRAVENOUS THERAPY

POLICY:

Registered Nurses will work in conjunction with the Physician, DNPC, CCAC and the community appointed nursing agency for IV therapy monitoring and use of an IV infusion.

PROCEDURE:

1. CCAC, Hospital and/or the ordering Physician will contact the Home to inquire about returning a resident with IV therapy. The Registered Staff on duty will contact the DNPC or ADNPC prior to confirming the transfer of the resident back to our Home. The Registered Staff will then be instructed to contact the hospital to confirm acceptance.
2. Once the Physician has ordered IV therapy, the resident must receive the first dose in hospital. CCAC is contacted by the ordering Physician to appoint a community nursing agency to initiate the process for the IV therapy of the resident. CCAC appointed community nursing agency will educate LMH staff in IV therapy and provide support for insertion of new IV sites.
3. The community nursing agency will work with the Pharmacy appointed by CCAC for obtaining the IV therapy supplies and if required the IV pump.
4. The community agency will contact our Home to inform Registered Staff of the timing of the next IV infusion and visit. The community nurse will review the use of the IV infusion by gravity or infusion by IV therapy pump. They will assist LMH nursing staff with any troubleshooting needs with the Registered Staff on duty. They will also review how to change the bag containing the antibiotics and the tubing. They will leave a contact number.
5. For IV infusion with a pump: Prior to changing the bag containing the IV therapy, the Registered Staff will check the label on the bag with the Physician's orders and the confirmation from the Pharmacist who has programmed the pump. For any changes in Physician's orders, the Registered Staff on duty will contact the community nursing agency who will follow through with the Pharmacist.
6. The Registered Staff on duty will monitor the IV insertion site for redness, swelling or pain. Ensure the IV is infusing properly. Document on the IV site and the infusion and any voiced concerns from the resident.
7. The Registered Staff will fully complete the pump worksheet each time the bag or tubing is changed, line is flushed, IV restart, site appearance and dressing changed. Refer to the worksheet for direction on frequency of changing of the bag and tubing.

8. In the event that the IV goes interstitial, the Registered Staff will stop the infusion (or with a pump turn it off) and then contact the DNPC or the community nursing agency to reinsert an infusion site.
9. Registered Staff trained in venipuncture and trained in starting IV's and are competent with recent experience can restart the IV.