

I-120 Infusion Therapy

Applies To

Registered Nurses

Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses

Other (*Identify*): _____

Special Considerations

Physician orders for IV therapy must include the type of solution, any medication additives, and the total 24-hour volume to be infused, and/or hourly rate.

Client/caregiver's education is crucial for safe administration of infusion therapy.

Written guidelines and return demonstrations are needed for all aspects of care.

The agency must provide a 24-hour on-call nurse for clients who are receiving home IV therapy.

The first dose of antibiotic therapy must be initiated in a controlled setting where emergency medical services are available.

Storage requirements, infusion preparation, administration, discontinuation, equipment management, and disposal of supplies must meet agency guidelines and be completely understood by the client/caregiver.

The client/caregiver will be informed of any possible side effects, potential problems, and when to call the home health agency.

Only infusion therapies that have been established and proven to be safely administered at home, collaborated by community standards of practice with physician involvement, will be administered.

Related Procedures

None.

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