

INFUSION THERAPY

APPLIES TO

- Registered Nurses
- Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses
- Therapists
- 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.