



Blood procedure policies

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Blood Extraction

Definition

a procedure of obtaining a sample of blood through venipuncture for diagnostic tests through aseptic technique.

Policies:

1. Before doing any blood extraction, staff doing the extraction uses two (2) identifiers to verify patient's identity (patients' name and PIN, etc.)
1. lab test results will be delivered immediately through phone or computer monitor.
2. Observe/Follow standard infection control policy.
3. Any specimen sent to laboratory must be properly labeled containing patient's name and PIN.

Contraindications:

1. Do not take blood sample from extremities that contain arteriovenous shunts/graft or loop Shunts
2. Site with signs of infection, infiltration or thrombosis.
3. On upper extremity from the same side where mastectomy or axillary dissection was performed.

Procedures

- Verify physician's order.
- Prepare the needed equipment's.
- Wash hands and wear gloves.
- Identify the patient:
- Ask his/her name.
- Check ID band
- Explain the procedure to the patient.

Procedures

- Assist the patient in a comfortable position.
- Provide privacy.
- Select the site for extraction
- Check for the distal pulse
- Disinfect site with alcohol swab using a circular motion at the site
- Maintain tourniquet only for 1-2 minutes

Procedures

- After extraction transfer the blood to appropriate tube and properly label tube immediately.
- Dispose the needle into the sharp disposal container.
- Remove gloves. Wash hands.
- Send sample to laboratory immediately
- Chart in the nursing note the procedure done
- Follow up result and notify the physician once available

Special Considerations:

Blood samples should not be drawn from the arm with an intravenous infusion. In certain cases in which there is absolutely no other option, the infusion may be turned off for several minutes



Thank you