

PROTOCOL FOR: LPN IV Push Medication: Approved List of

- POLICY:
1. A written order by a physician/APRN/PA must be obtained before administration of an IV push medication, except during a Code Blue or other emergent situation, ie. intubation.
 2. Licensed Practical Nurses assigned to Emergency Department may administer direct IV push medications by the following routes:

Peripheral IV line
Central venous catheter
 3. Licensed Practical Nurses assigned to Emergency Department who administer medications by IV push must have demonstrated IV med competency, as documented on the Emergency Department checklist for orientation, and administer these medications under the supervision of a Registered Nurse.
 4. The Micromedex Drug Information System, Lexicomp system, Physician Desk Reference (PDR), and published Nurse's Drug Guides provide reference information for methods (i.e. dilution), dosages and time frames in which medications are to be administered. Unit pharmacists should be consulted for assistance as needed.
 5. The Emergency Department list of approved drugs is periodically reviewed by the Medical Director of the unit and is subject to the approval of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.
 6. Medications approved for direct IV push by the LPN in the Emergency Department are:

Bumetanide (Bumex)
Dexamethasone (Decadron)
Dextrose 50%
Diazepam (Valium)
Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)
Esomeprazole (Nexium)
Fentanyl
Flumazenil (Romazicon)
Furosemide (Lasix)
Glucagon
Heparin ✓
Hydrocortisone (Solu-Cortef)
Insulin ✓
Ketorolac (Toradol) - doses \leq 30 mg.
Lorazepam (Ativan) *
Meperidine (Demerol)
Methylprednisolone (Solu-Medrol)
Metoclopramide (Reglan)
Morphine
Naloxone (Narcan)
Ondansetron (Zofran)
Pantoprazole (Protonix)
Promethazine (Phenergan)

✓ RN to check dose.

* Dilution is recommended.

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7. The physician/advanced practitioner and pharmacist will be notified of any adverse effects from medications, i.e. allergic reactions, unexpected change in vital signs, CNS depression.

DESIRED OUTCOME: Medications approved for direct IV push administration will be given by Licensed Practical Nurses in a safe and appropriate manner.

RELATED POLICY: Nursing Practice Manual, IV Push Medications

APPROVAL: Nursing Standards Committee
Emergency Department Manager/ Medical Director
Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee

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