

PROTOCOL FOR: Bedside Items for ICU

DESIRED OUTCOME: All necessary items for patient care will be readily available to ICU staff.

- EQUIPMENT LIST:
1. The following items are kept at each bedside:
 - 6 - size 14 suction catheters
 - 6 - sterile gloves (3 size 7 ½, 3 size 8)
 - 1 - full suction set-up & canister
 - 1 - sphygmomanometer with cuff
 - 1 - O₂ flow meter
 - 1 - IV pole, pump & module
 - 1 - motor device for foot/leg pumps (kept in pt. closet)
 2. A container with supplies on bedside table, with minimally:
 - 2 - 6' suction tubing
 - 2 - Yankeur suction catheters
 - 2 - pulse oximetry probes
 - 6 - electrode patches
 - 6 - 2 x 2 gauze
 - 6 - 4 x 4 gauze
 - 6 - needleless IV access ports
 - 6 - IV caps (nonvented male leur)
 - 1 - 1" waterproof tape
 - 1 - Transpore tape
 - 1 - tourniquet
 - 6 - sterile Q-Tips
 - 6 - sterile tongue depressors
 - 6 - Tegaderm, small & large
 - 6 - Surgilube
 - 6 - Chlorhexidine preps or swabs
 - 10 - alcohol swabs
 3. Nightstand containing:
 - bedpan
 - urinal
 - roll of toilet paper
 4. Additional items pertinent to patient care (i.e. dressing supplies) may be stocked at the bedside as needed.

IMPLEMENTATION

- PROCESS:
1. The unit aide will restock items on a daily basis as needed.
 2. If a unit aide isn't available, staff RNs will restock items as needed.

REFERENCES: Nursing Standards Committee

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