

PROTOCOL FOR: Vertebroplasty: Care of the Patient Undergoing

DESIRED PATIENT

- OUTCOMES:
1. The patient will verbalize understanding of the expected process of receiving a Vertebroplasty and the expected response to the procedure.
  2. The patient demonstrates and/or reports adequate pain control throughout the periprocedural period.

CLINICAL  
ASSESSMENT

- AND CARE:
1. Pre-procedure care per protocol for Interventional Radiology.
  2. Patient is to receive conscious sedation per protocol listed in HAM#08-013.
  3. Patient's level of pain will be assessed and addressed as indicated in the policy titled: Pain Care of the Adult Patient With, located in the Nursing Practice Manual on-line.
  4. Post-procedure care per protocol for Post Procedure Care: Interventional Radiology.

PATIENT

- TEACHING:
1. Explain to the patient that a Vertebroplasty is an image guided procedure that is used to treat vertebral compression fractures caused by osteoporosis. The procedure involves having cement injected directly into the fractured vertebrae to restore the vertebral height lost due to the compression fracture.

- DOCUMENTATION:
1. Confirm the physician obtained informed consent from the patient or responsible party.
  2. Conscious Sedation Flow Sheet will be used by the RN for documentation during the procedure.
  3. RN will complete Interventional Radiology Procedure Documentation Sheet.

APPROVAL: Nursing Standards Committee

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