

PROCEDURE FOR: Problem IV Insertion: Resolution of

- POLICY:
1. Nurses will attempt to insert IV catheters no more than twice.
  2. After the second failed attempt to insert an IV catheter, the nurse must refer to another nurse, APRN, PA or physician for another attempt at insertion.
  3. If after 2 attempts by the second provider (a total of 4 attempts) the nurse must contact the APRN, PA or physician to consider an alternative route of intravenous access (TLC, PICC line, etc).

PATIENT

- OUTCOME:
1. The patient demonstrates and/or reports adequate pain control during insertion of the IV catheter.
  2. The IV catheter insertion site will be free of signs or symptoms of infiltration or injury to the vein.
  3. The patient's fluid status will be consistent with or improved from baseline levels.
  4. The patient will receive appropriate medication(s), administered safely throughout intravenous administration.

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ASSESSMENT

AND CARE: Per Lippincott Manual of Nursing Practice

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