



Skills Modules 3.0 Checklist: Intravenous Medications Administering Piggyback Intermittent Intravenous Medications

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the following checklist to evaluate competency in completing this skill. Select Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) for each step and provide comments as needed.

*Document the relevant information (assessment findings, pharmacological and nonpharmacological interventions) in the client's medical record.

Step by Step

STEP	S	U	EVALUATOR'S COMMENTS
Verify prescription for medication. Verify client's name, medication name, dose, and route. Verify correct time for medication.			
Confirm safe dosage range, adverse effects, and contraindications.			
*Assess the client's history for allergies.			
Gather necessary equipment.			
*Introduce yourself to the client.			
*Perform hand hygiene.			
*Introduce yourself to the client.			

STEP	S U EVALUATOR'S COMMENTS
*Provide privacy as needed.	
*Verify client identification.	
Ask the client if they have allergies.	
*Provide client education.	
Verify medication order, medication name, and expiration date on the medication.	
Perform any necessary premedication assessments.	
Scan client and medication (if barcode system available).	
Assess the client's IV site for signs of infiltration or inflammation.	
Assess patency of the client's IV infusion line.	
Hang the piggyback medication above the primary infusion bag.	
Prime the secondary tubing, ensuring that all air has been removed, then clamp the tubing and cap the end of the tubing.	

STEP	S U EVALUATOR'S COMMENTS
Using an antiseptic wipe, cleanse the uppermost Y-port of the main IV line and allow it dry.	
Attach secondary tubing to the upper to Y-port.	
Unclamp the secondary tubing.	
Program the pump according to the prescription.	
*Ensure that the client is in a safe position prior to leaving the room and has the call light within reach.	

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