



Skills Modules 3.0 Checklist: Intravenous Therapy

Discontinuing a Peripheral IV Catheter

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 |
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| Verify prescription for IV removal. | | | |
| Gather necessary supplies. | | | |
| *Introduce yourself to the client. | | | |
| *Verify client identification. | | | |
| *Provide privacy as needed. | | | |
| *Determine whether the client has allergies. | | | |
| *Provide client education. | | | |

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| *Perform hand hygiene | | | |
| Confirm whether the client has been on anticoagulant therapy or has prolonged bleeding times. | | | |
| Adjust client's bed to a comfortable working position. | | | |
| Apply clean gloves. | | | |
| Observe IV site through dressing for any evidence of complications. | | | |
| Remove any IV infusion tubing that is attached to IV. Make sure that the roller clamp is closed first. | | | |
| Remove the transparent dressing and stabilization device (if any). Use nondominant hand to stabilize catheter hub. | | | |
| Place dry, sterile gauze above the insertion site. | | | |
| Remove the catheter with a slow and steady motion, keeping the catheter close to the skin | | | |
| Gently apply pressure to the insertion site with the sterile gauze. Hold pressure for a minimum of 30 seconds or until hemostasis occurs (may take longer with some clients). | | | |

References

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