

ATLANTIC MEDICAL IMAGING

POLICY STATEMENT AND PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

CATEGORY: PATIENT CARE

Subject: IV Competency for All Employees Administering IV Contrast

Purpose:

To ensure that staff are appropriately trained to administer IV contrast

Policy:

It is the policy of Atlantic Medical Imaging that all staff administering IV contrast complete AMI's competency training

Procedure:

Staff will be provided with IV Info packet, Safe Injection Practices, Iodinated Contrast Injection Policy, MRI Contrast Injection Policy, Infiltration Policy and documentation, Contrast Reaction Policy and Documentation. The above information will be reviewed with trainee by a member of the IV training team which consists of RNs and specific technologist (list to be provided) who have completed a training competency with RN Designee. Trainer will review the Pre-Medication Protocol, and Use of Implanted Ports.

If trainee has previous experience with starting IV's trainee can begin hands on competency and perform five successful sticks under the direct supervision of an IV training team member. If trainee's first 2 sticks are unsuccessful, trainee will be required to perform a minimum of 3 successful attempts on employee volunteers or a training device. After 3 successful attempts employee will move onto Hands on Competency.

If trainee has no previous experience trainee will shadow an RN or designee assigned by Lead RN for 1 day. At end of day 1 trainee will perform a minimum of 3 successful attempts on employee volunteers or a training device. After 3 successful attempts employee will move onto Hands on Competency and can train with a member of the IV training team.

After employee completes IV competency and demonstrates 5 successful sticks, employee will be allowed to start IVs without direct supervision.

Completed IV competency form will be forwarded to employee's lead and is to be stored in employees file with employee health

If at any time it is felt that an employee requires additional training or reeducation, they will be scheduled with the Lead RN or designee assigned by Lead RN.