

## **NUCLEAR MEDICINE I.V. ACCESS POLICY**

**Purpose:** To define the department policy for IV access.

**Policy:**

1. In-patients scheduled for Cardiac Imaging shall have a Hep-Lock in place before coming to Nuclear Medicine.
2. Out-patients shall have their Hep-Lock placed in the Nuclear Medicine Section prior to cardiac imaging.
3. The Hep-lock shall be flushed with 3-5cc normal saline before and after the administration of medications.
4. If the in-patient has limited access and a Hep-lock is not available for Nuclear Medicine Staff to use for Cardiac Imaging the existing I V. line will be used for administering medications.
5. The existing I.V. line shall be occluded by pinching the tubing just above the Port and the medication in the I.V. line will be slowly cleared with 3-5cc normal saline prior to the administration of medications. The I.V. line will be cleared with 3-5cc normal saline after the administration.
6. The flow rate of I.V. lines will not be changed during any procedure in Nuclear Medicine.
7. Any malfunction of I.V.'s will immediately be reported to the responsible Nurse.

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