NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
WARREN GRANT MAGNUSON CLINCAL CENTER
NURSING & PATIENT CARE SERVICES

POLICY: Obtaining Blood Samples

1. Individuals who have successfully demonstrated competency within their scope of practice may perform venipuncture into a superficial vein.

2. A Registered Nurse (RN) who has demonstrated competency may obtain blood samples from peripheral and central lines.

3. A Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) who has demonstrated competency may obtain blood samples from peripheral and central lines under the direct supervision of a registered nurse as defined by the Maryland Nurse Practice Act 2003.

4. An RN, LPN or PCT who has demonstrated competency may insert a peripheral intermittent infusion device without a physician's order when frequent lab work is ordered.

5. An RN or LPN who has demonstrated competency may convert a peripheral line to an intermittent infusion device and vice versa.

PURPOSE: To identify personnel who may draw various blood samples.

REFERENCE: Maryland Nurse Practice Act 2003

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