

SOUTHERN REGION

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I.V. Safety rules

1. You must follow the procedures in the Bloodborne Pathogens plan at all times.
2. You must work in groups of at least 3. The extra person is to observe the practice to insure that safety guidelines are being followed.
3. Any spilled blood must be cleaned up as soon as possible after the IV attempt is complete.
4. A chux, plastic or some other moisture proof barrier must be used at all times under the IV site.
5. A sharps container must be present at all times.
6. The instructor or a trained IV technician must be present in the room before you may attempt the actual needle stick.
7. Aseptic technique must be used at all times.
8. If a needle is touched by your finger or any foreign object, it must not be used. Save it for use on the practice arm.
9. Holders have been built into the handles of the IV supply tray. They must be used at all times to recap needles or transfer blood from a syringe to a blood tube.
10. You must use care not to contaminate unused supplies.
11. No IV supplies may be taken from the building for use at another location.
12. All non disposable items that you contaminate must be cleaned and disinfected as soon as possible after the completion of the IV attempt.
13. You must wash you hands before and after any IV attempt.
14. The saline for the saline locks are multi-use vials. You must be sure to clean the top of the vial with an alcohol wipe each time you draw from the bottle.