

Kansas Administrative Regulations

State Board of Nursing

Article 16.—Intravenous Fluid Therapy for Licensed Practical Nurse

60-16-101. Definitions.

Each of the following terms, as used in this article of the board's regulations, shall have the meaning specified in this regulation:

(a) "Administration of intravenous (IV) fluid therapy" means utilization of the nursing process to deliver the therapeutic infusion or injection of substances through the venous system.

(b) "Admixing" means the addition of a diluent to a medication or a medication to an intravenous solution.

(c) "Calculating" means mathematically determining the flow rate and medication dosages.

(d) "Clock-hour" means 60 continuous minutes.

(e) "Competency examination" means a written examination and demonstration of mastery of clinical components of IV fluid therapy.

(f) "Discontinuing" means stopping the intravenous flow or removing the intravenous access device, or both, based on an authorized order or nursing assessment.

(g) "Evaluating" means analyzing, on an ongoing basis, the monitored patient response to the prescribed IV fluid therapy.

(h) "Initiating" means starting IV fluid therapy based on an authorized order by a licensed individual. Initiating shall include the following:

- (1) Assessing the patient;
- (2) selecting and preparing materials;
- (3) calculating; and
- (4) inserting and stabilizing the cannula.

(i) "Intravenous push" means direct injection of medication into the venous circulation.

(j) "IV" means intravenous.

(k) "Maintaining" means adjusting the control device for continuance of the prescribed IV fluid therapy administration rate.

(l) "Monitoring" means, on an ongoing basis, assessing, observing, and communicating each patient's response to prescribed IV fluid therapy. The infusion equipment, site, and flow rate shall be included in the monitoring process.

(m) "Stand-alone," when used to describe a course, means an IV fluid therapy course offered by a provider that has been approved by the board to offer the course independently of an approved practical nursing program.

(n) "Titration of medication" means an adjustment of the dosage of a medication to the amount required to bring about a given reaction in the individual receiving the medication.

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