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Patient Population

Neonate	√
Pediatric	√
Adolescent	√
Adult	√
Geriatric	√

POLICY:

To delineate procedures which the appropriately trained Registered Nurse in the Emergency Department may perform following documented proficiency by the Emergency Department Education Specialist and/or his/her designee.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To maintain and expedite patient care.
2. To promote competency in the delivery of nursing care to patients presenting to the Emergency Department for care.

PROCEDURES:

1. Insertion of butterfly and angiocaths for the purpose of establishing an intravenous line.
2. ACLS/PALS certified ED RN's may also institute American Heart Association ACLS protocols in a PALS team 7000 situation.

Administration of the following medication IV push route upon a physician's prescription, and successful completion of ACLS/PALS:

- a. Atropine Sulfate
- b. Calcium Chloride
- c. Demerol
- d. Dextrose 50%
- e. Digoxin
- f. Vasopressin

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- g. Epinephrine
 - h. Lasix
 - i. Lidocaine
 - j. Morphine Sulfate
 - k. Naloxone
 - l. Sodium Bicarbonate
 - m. Amiodarone
 - n. Insulin
 - o. Thiamine
 - p. Glucagon
 - q. Lorazepam
 - r. Midazolam
 - s. Fentanyl
3. Insertion of Nasogastric Tubes except in the presence of gastro-intestinal bleeding or in suspected esophageal varices.
 4. Drawing of venous blood samples.
 5. Urinary bladder catheterization in the absence of urethral strictures or other forms of urethral pathology.
 6. Performance of a 12-lead electrocardiogram.
 7. Ordering of appropriate laboratory studies.
 8. Defibrillation and synchronized cardioversion - only by an ACLS certified Registered Nurse.