

September 2015 – Nursing Policy Updates

Policy Name	Policy #	Interim/Full	What's New	Date Effective
Peripheral Intravenous Device and Venipuncture	NURS 0034	Interim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed frequency of Peripheral Intravenous catheters to 7 days or sooner, based on clinical assessment. • Clarified that the extension tubing attached to the catheter should be treated as part of the catheter, and should not be changed unless a new catheter is inserted. • Included statement to reflect the need for collaboration with LIP and pharmacy, to determine the selection of the appropriate infusion device for both short and long term therapy. • Updated references related to frequency of IV removal/rotation. 	September 2015
Chest Pain	NURS 0424	Full	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammatical changes • Updated to reflect 2014 ACC/AHA NSTEMI guidelines • Added note to notify CRT • Updated references • Deleted bullets under patient education that aren't evidence based • Changed listing of unit names to "if in unit's scope of practice" 	September 2015
Thermoregulation of the Neonatal and Pediatric Patient	NURS 0488	Full	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Editorial changes; updated references • Added additional interventions for keeping the Extremely Low Birthweight Infants (ELBW) warm: warming mattress, pre-warmed positioning devices, and use of plastic wrap around their body to decrease heat loss. • Defined servo control as changing the temperature in the incubator in response to 	September 2015

			<p>changes in the infant's skin temperature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defined air control as temperature within the incubator set by the caregiver and does not change in response to changes in the infant's temperature • Changed to consulting Charge Nurse (from Supervisor) with questions about using any type of heat sources if unfamiliar with equipment 	
Tracheostomy Tube: Flexible, Adjustable Neck Flange (Bivona® TTS™ Adjustable Neck Flange Hyperflex™ Tracheostomy Tube)	NURS 0526	Full	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated references, editorial changes including contact numbers for pediatric and adult airway team. • Added note to reflect: Pediatric patients may be discharged home with a Bivona tube in place per LIP order only, follow up with NC Children's Airway Center 	September 2015
Verification of Carolina Donor Services Orders	NURS 0562	Full	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated (a) to reflect changes since transition to Epic; (b) at suggestion of Legal, statement added that primary nurse is to verify that CDS Coordinator has obtained written authorization for donation. 	September 2015
Pregnancy and Diabetes Mellitus	NURS0581	Fast Track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult ARRT for patients in DKA 	September 2015
Midline Catheter: Adult	NURS 0605	Interim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included statement to reflect the need for collaboration with LIP and pharmacy, to determine the selection of the appropriate infusion device for both short and long term therapy. 	September 2015
Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT)/ Wound VAC	NURS 0607	NEW	New policy which outlines the nursing management of negative pressure wound therapy.	September 2015