

2017 Nursing Policy Updates				
Policy Name	Policy #	Interim/Full	What's New	Date Effective
Manual Chest Physical Therapy	NURS 0083	Full (retired)	Retired	Feb. 2017
Epidural and Intrathecal Management (Pediatrics and Non-pregnant Adult)	NURS 0115	Full	Practice changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform hand hygiene and put on sterile gloves and mask when providing catheter care.</li> <li>• Chloraprep® should not be used to cleanse connections</li> <li>• In the event of concern for inadvertent contamination of epidural connector during tubing changes, cleanse the tip with alcohol, allow it to dry prior to reconnecting</li> </ul> Extensive editorial and formatting changes, updated references.	Feb. 2017
Minnesota Tube (Restricted)	NURS 0141	Full	Clarifying language added regarding balloon deflation process; some editorial changes made for clarity, and photos added.	Feb. 2017
Skin Integrity	NURS 0180	Full	Changed term from pressure ulcer to pressure injury to reflect the changed made in the International Pressure Injury Classification System. Pressure ulcer staging changed from roman numbers to numbers. Extensive editorial changes, appendices updated.	Feb. 2017
Old name: Managing Adult Bowel Dysfunction and Fecal Incontinence New name: Adult Bowel Management (Restricted)	NURS 0246	Full	In conjunction with WOCNs, removed significant extraneous information, and made editorial changes to be more concise. Updated section on Fecal Management System to align with current product; no longer necessary to deflate intraluminal balloon each shift, or flush catheter tubing each shift.	Feb. 2017
Fall Precautions	NURS 331	Interim	Changed symbol to less than or equal to (page5)	Feb. 2017
Wound / Drain Management	NURS 0336	Interim	Updated policy to reflect changes in terminology from pressure ulcer to pressure injury and staging of pressure injuries. Extensive editorial and formatting changes, updated appendices.	Feb. 2017
Extravasation/Infiltration of a Caustic Agent: Prevention and Treatment	NURS 0360	Full	Updates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added definitions of infiltration and flare reaction</li> <li>• adding sections on management of an infiltration and management of a flare reaction</li> </ul>	Feb 2017

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>changing the assessment parameters post extravasation</li> <li>updated reference tables for defining what chemotherapy is considered a vesicant</li> <li>added notation about orders in EPIC for antidotes</li> <li>updated table for treatment of chemotherapy with antidotes</li> <li>updated reference to known agents that are caustic and have a known treatment if there is an extravasation</li> </ul>	
Thrombolytic Therapy	NURS 0438	Interim	New section on EKOS added, including information on required pulse checks	Feb. 2017
Heparin Administration	NURS 522	Full (retired)	Nursing policy was retired and information placed in the pharmacy Heparin Administration Guidelines	Feb 2017
Licensed and Unlicensed nursing staff competency requirements	NURS 0552	Fast Track	Updated to outline competency timeline and expectations starting in 2017	Jan 2017
Peripheral Nerve Blocks – Continuous Elastomeric Infusion Devices	NURS 0568	Full	Formatting changes, placed images of ON-Q elastomeric infusion pumps in policy text, added nerve block table type, level, indications, and considerations. Updated appendices and references.	Feb. 2017
VAD: Temporary (including Impella/ TandemHeart)	NURS 0569	Interim	Updated information on frequency of purge solution changes (q 24 hours). In Appendix 2, added information about purge solution formulation and concentration in specific circumstances.	Feb. 2017
Management of the Pediatric Patient Receiving Dexmedetomidine (Restricted)	NURS 572	Interim	Adjusted some medication ranges, updated reference; changed documentation placement.	Feb. 2017
Argatroban Administration	NURS 0591	Full (retired)	Nursing policy will be retired and information has been added to the pharmacy argatroban guidelines	Feb. 2017
Patient Safety Net Surveillance Monitoring™ (RESTRICTED)	NURS 0592	Interim	Changed Low SPO2 value from 88 to 85 in Appendix 2. Updated information related to EPIC and phone notifications to reflect current practice of HUC and/or Charge Nurse notifying Primary Nurse and/or NA of alarms.	Feb. 2017
Midline Catheter	NURS 0605	Full	Updates include clarification of osmolarity and pH, updated IV access guidelines; updated cleaning procedure to use CHG	Feb. 2017

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			<b><i>The following Policies had only editorial or reference updates</i></b>	
BladderScan ®Ultrasound (BVI3000 & 9400 models)	NURS 0061	Full	Updated references, editorial changes, added LMS code to checklist	Feb. 2017
Wound Photography: WOCN	NURS 0608	Full	Updated language to include updates for documentation needs with using the new camera functionality	Feb 2017