

FNIHB- OR Nursing Policy and Procedure

Section: **Diagnostic**

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Subject: **Venipuncture**

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1. POLICY:

- 1.1 A Registered Nurse in the Extended Class (NP) may perform venipuncture for blood procurement after the successful completion of a program of instruction. A direct physician order is not required.
- 1.2 A Registered Nurse (RN) is authorized to perform venipuncture for blood procurement as a result of a direct physician or NP order or in accordance with a medical directive and after successful completion of a program of instruction.
- 1.3 A Registered Practical Nurse (RPN) is authorized to perform venipuncture for blood procurement only with a direct physician or NP order and after successful completion of a program of instruction.

2. PRINCIPLES:

- 2.1 Venipuncture requires special competence and shall not be delegated to unregulated care providers. Nurses are required to complete a program of instruction during the orientation period prior to performing venipuncture.
- 2.2 Collecting and requisitioning blood specimens is guided by the policies and procedures stated in the *Nursing Station Laboratory Manual*.
- 2.3 Client identifiers must be added to the specimen as soon as possible, as recommended in the *Nursing Station Laboratory Manual*. Mislabelling or forgetting to attach the client identifiers can have adverse outcomes.

3. DEFINITIONS:

Peripheral venipuncture is a procedure performed for the purposes of obtaining blood for analysis, culture and sensitivity and transfusion medicine.

4. PROCEDURE:

- 4.1 Determine the need for blood collection and explain the procedure to the client.

4.2 Gather the appropriate equipment and supplies and perform venepuncture in accordance with the *Nursing Station Laboratory Manual* and *Clinical Nursing Skills and Techniques 8th edition* (Perry, Potter, and Ostendorf, 2013).

4.3 If unable to obtain blood after two venipuncture attempts, where possible, another nurse/physician should be consulted for assistance. Avoid using the lower extremities for peripheral venipuncture whenever possible.

4.4 The laboratory specimen is to be labelled and handled in accordance with the *Nursing Station Laboratory Manual* and the *FNIHB Infection Prevention and Control Manual*.

4.5 Complete the appropriate lab requisition(s) as per the *Nursing station Laboratory Manual*.

5. RELATED POLICIES:

FNIHB-OR Policy: Documentation Standards

6. REFERENCES:

CNO (2014). Reference Document: Legislation and Regulation. RHPA: Scope of Practice, Controlled Acts Model.

FNIHB Infection Prevention and Control Manual

FNIHB(OR) Policy: Additional Nursing Functions

Laboratory and Specimen Collection Centre Licensing Act. RRO. 1990, R. 682, as amended 2014.

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Nursing Station Laboratory Manual

Perry, A. G., Potter, P.A., and Ostendorf, W. (2013). *Clinical Nursing Skills and Techniques 8th ed.* Mosby.

Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991

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