## Home IV Program

### Overview
- **Staffing:** 1 RN / day
  - RN does all PICC placements and run’s Home IV Program
- **Hours:** 7 days / week, including stats
  - 0800 – 1600

### Routes/Delivery
- **IV Pump (CADD):**
  - BID, TID, QID, q4h, q6h medications
- **Gravity (Stat 2 pumpette):**
  - OD medications

### Patient Factors
- **Medical Stability:** Basically physically independent to be able to function in an outpatient setting (able to register, sit in waiting room, no lifts, CA’s etc)
- **Independence:**
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- **Vascular Access:**
  - CVC is ideal (usually less trouble shooting for patient)
  - PIV is accepted (usually for shorter term therapies)
  - Medications q6h or more, and Vancomycin BID require a CADD pump, and therefore requires a CVC
    - Keep this in mind with EDD planning; referral for PICC placement as can be a few day turn around depending on Home IV office schedule

### Responsibilities
- **Reliable and capable** of learning how to run and maintain their IV Therapy
- **Able to perform basic trouble shooting** if pump alarms/line occludes
- **Trustworthy** to not abuse their pump or intravenous access
- Patient’s home must have a telephone, running water and refrigerator for medication storage

### Communication
- Able to participate in necessary learning activities (includes reading) and communicate with Home IV team

### Physical Fitness
- **Have the dexterity** to manage the buttons, clamps etc
- **Able to come to GDC** for their enrollment, teaching and maintenance visits
  - This includes having reliable transportation

### Support Person
- **Facilitate Patient Independence**
  - Patient INDEPENDENT?
    - Support person ideal, but not necessary
  - **Patient not INDEPENDENT?**
    - Support person then must meet criteria as outlined in the “Patient Factors” (Responsibilities, Communication, Physical Fitness)

### Order
- **Frequency:**
  - OD, BID, TID, QID, q4h, q6h
- **Medication:**
  - Antibiotics and Hydrations only
- **Duration:**
  - Greater than 5 days

### Out-Patient IV Therapy
- **Staffing:** 4 RN’s / day
- **Hours:** 7 days / week, including stats
  - 0730 – 2200

### Routes/Delivery
- **IV route only**
  - Frequency accepted = OD, BID only
- **Exceptions:**
  - Subcutaneous anticoagulants (ie. Bridging program, DVT clinic)
  - Occasional exceptions for IM Abx can be made (ie. Patient hx of active drug use)

### Patient Factors
- **Medical Stability:** Medically stable for an outpatient setting
- **Independence:** Basically physically independent to be able to function in an outpatient setting (able register, sit in waiting room, no lifts, CA’s etc)
- **Vascular Access:** Any access accepted

### Responsibilities
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- **Able to perform basic trouble shooting** if pump alarms/line occludes
- **Trustworthy** to not abuse their pump or intravenous access

### Communication
- Able to participate in necessary learning activities (includes reading) and communicate with Home IV team

### Physical Fitness
- **Have the dexterity** to manage the buttons, clamps etc

### Support Person
- Support person necessary if patient requires assistance to be able to function in an outpatient setting (register, sit in waiting room, no lifts, CA’s etc)

### Order
- **Frequency:**
  - OD or BID only
- **Medication:**
  - All Antibiotics and IV therapies (no narcotics)
- **Duration:**
  - All