

60-16-101. Definitions.

- (a) "Administration of intravenous fluid therapy" means utilization of the nursing process to deliver the therapeutic infusion or injection of substances through the venous system.
- (b) "Admixing" means the addition of a diluent to a medication or a medication to an intravenous solution.
- (c) "Calculating" means the mathematical determination of the flow rate and medication dosages.
- (d) "Competency examination" means a written examination and demonstration of mastery of clinical components of intravenous fluid therapy.
- (e) "Discontinuing" means stopping the intravenous flow or removing the intravenous access device, or both, based on an authorized order or nursing assessment.
- (f) "Evaluating" means ongoing analysis of the monitored patient response to the prescribed intravenous therapy for determination of the appropriate patient outcomes.
- (g) "Initiating" means the starting of intravenous therapy based on an authorized order by a licensed individual. Initiating shall include the following:
 - (1) The patient assessment;
 - (2) selection and preparation of materials;
 - (3) calculation; and
 - (4) insertion and stabilization of the cannula.
- (h) "Intravenous push" means direct injection of medication into the venous circulation.
- (i) "Maintaining" means adjusting the control device for continuance of the prescribed intravenous therapy administration rate.
- (j) "Monitoring" means the ongoing assessment, observation, and communication of each patient's response to prescribed intravenous therapy. The infusion equipment, site, and flow rate shall be included in the monitoring process.
- (k) "Titration of medication" means an adjustment of the dosage of a medication to the amount required to bring about a given reaction in the individual receiving the medication.

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