
(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.