Name of Policy: Use of Restraints During Invasive
Procedure in the Cardiovascular/Electrophysiology Lab

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Minor/technical revision of existing policy

Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) Policy statement

New policy proposal

Major revision of existing policy

Restraints will only be implemented when the least restrictive methods have been employed and are determined ineffective for preventing the patient from harming themselves or contaminating a sterile field.

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(B) Purpose of policy

It is the practice of The University of Toledo Medical Center (UTMC) to utilize the clinically appropriate use of restraints in a manner that protects the patient's rights, dignity, and well-being. Refer to Patients' Rights and Responsibilities policy, #3364-100-60-02.

(C) Procedure

The need for patient restraint/immobilization during and invasive Cardiovascular Lab Electrophysiology Lab (CVL/EP) imaging procedure will be assessed by the Physician, Registered Nurse, and/or both in an effort to maintain a safe, sterile, and quality exam and/or procedure. If restraint/immobilization is deemed necessary, the least restrictive restraints will be used.

- (1) UTMC staff will adhere to applicable Joint Commission Standards, organizational policies as well as federal and state law.
- (2) All staff with direct patient contact will receive restraint training/education at least annually in the proper use of restraint applications.
- (3) The need for restraints during the procedure will be explained to the patient before the restraints are applied.
- (4) The restraints will be applied by the RN or RT in the room before the start of the procedure.
- (5) The patient is continuously monitored and assessed throughout the case; this includes BP, HR, RR, SPo2, cardiovascular and respiratory assessment, level of consciousness and level of pain.
- (6) The restraints will be removed at the end of the procedure before the patient leaves the room.

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