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(A) Policy Statement

Cardiac Nuclear Medicine imaging can be performed in the Heart and Vascular Center on critical or emergency department patients if the proper and necessary care of the patient can be provided. Whenever cardiac monitoring, nursing care or respiratory assistance is necessary, the nursing unit shall communicate this to the Heart and Vascular Center prior to sending the patient for the procedure. It is the nursing unit’s responsibility to provide the necessary personnel and equipment unless alternate arrangements are made with Heart and Vascular Center personnel. The Nuclear Medicine Technologist will work expeditiously in performing the necessary procedures on the patient.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To perform adequate nuclear medicine procedures while handling the critically ill and/or emergency department patient effectively, efficiently, and safely, and thereby minimize further trauma to these patients.

(C) Procedure

1. A code cart will be centrally located in the Cardiac Nuclear Medicine testing area for rapid deployment if necessary.
2. The requesting nursing unit or Emergency Department shall contact the Heart and Vascular Center to schedule a diagnostic procedure through the proper channels and indicate that this is a patient, who requires continuous cardiac monitoring, nursing care, or respiratory care.
3. The requesting nursing unit shall verify with the Heart and Vascular Center as to the time of the procedure. At that time, arrangements shall be made for monitoring the patient with the responsibility falling on the nursing unit or Emergency Department.

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