



Nursing Service Guidelines General

Title: **IDENTIFICATION AND COMMUNICATION OF RESTRICTED EXTREMITY USE**

Responsibility: All patient care personnel

Purpose of Guidelines: To have a standardized process that identifies patients with restrictions on the use of one or more extremities for the purpose of invasive and non-invasive procedures.

Procedure:

1. A 'limb alert' bracelet will be applied to the affected limb upon admission or at point of service, determining that an extremity has been deemed restricted.
2. No laboratory venous draws, no Intravenous (IV) starts, and no blood pressures are to be performed on the affected limb.
3. The 'limb alert' bracelet will be left on the affected limb until either the restriction is lifted or at the time of patient discharge from the hospital.

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