(A) Policy Statement

All surgical patients will have a patent IV prior to surgery.

(B) Purpose of Policy

The purpose of this protocol is to insure consistent and efficient nursing interventions.

(C) Procedure

1. All surgical patients will have an IV started with at least a #18 gauge catheter using Lactated Ringers 1000 ml to infuse at 30 mls per hour.
   a. Lidocaine 1% may be used as a local anesthetic at the IV insertion site if the patient does not have an allergy to this medication.
   b. Patients with a known renal disease will have an IV started using 0.9% Normal Saline 1000 ml to infuse at 30 mls per hour.
2. IV attempts will be limited to 2 total per patient. If a patent IV cannot be obtained after 2 attempts, then the anesthesia provider will be notified and he/she will be responsible for securing IV access.
3. All diabetic patients will have blood sugar tested using the glucose meter.
4. A written order for the above will be obtained from a licensed independent practitioner.
5. Any patient that arrives with an existing IV in place will have the IV checked for patency. The Registered Nurse (RN) will consult with the anesthesia provider if it is necessary to start another IV or not.

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