

Learning Objectives

MedBridge

Overview of Intravenous Therapy for Nurses

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Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, learners will be able to:

- Discuss the evolution of intravenous therapy
- Describe how IV therapy is a nursing specialty field
- Identify the different types of IV lines and their uses based on best evidence for practice
- Compare the different veins used for IV therapy to increase nursing skill

Chapter 1: History of Intravenous Therapy

This chapter will cover a brief history of the evolution of IV therapy and how it has progressed through the centuries. The importance of this chapter is to bring awareness to the need for IV therapy, recognizing that it is a nursing specialty field. The evolution of IV catheters will also be discussed.

Chapter 2: Types of IV Access Devices

When inserting, assessing, or administering IV medications, it is important to know the different types of lines that are available. This chapter will present the different types of lines and what types can be inserted without supervision within the nurse's scope of practice.

Chapter 3: Peripheral IV Sites and Central Line Sites

Knowing the vein the IV is being inserted into is not only important for documentation but also for the administering of medications. This session will help the nurse to recognize the different veins for accessing.