



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

SPECIAL PROCEDURES

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: PROTOCOL FOR EMERGENCY GI PROCEDURE

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Purpose of Procedure: To define nursing responsibilities for assisting with an emergency endoscopy when the Special Procedures Laboratory is closed.

Policy Statement: Patients may require emergency endoscopy procedures when the Special Procedures Laboratory is closed. An appropriately stocked endoscopy cart is available in the Special Procedures Laboratory for this purpose.

Performed By: RN

Procedural Steps:

1. The physician determines that an emergency situation requires an endoscopy.
2. The patient will be prepared for the procedure by the nursing personnel assigned to provide care to the patient, using the written physician orders and the hospital Diagnostic Manual.
3. The MD/ICU nurse gathers the necessary equipment/supplies and stocked emergency endoscopy cart from the Special Procedure Lab and brings them to the ICU, where the procedure will be performed.
4. After the procedure is completed the MD/ICU Nurse will return the cart, equipment, and supplies to the Special Procedure Lab.

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References:

SGNA MONOGRAPH SERIES - Standard for Practice in the GI Setting- Standard I

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