

Description of Nursing Services in Radiology

Nursing services are provided to the Department of Radiology by virtue of its own, dedicated nursing staff. Direct staffing is maintained in CT, MR, Vascular Interventional, Interventional Ultrasound and in our patient holding / recovery area. Both the inpatient and outpatient populations are served from pediatric to adult.

Within their role, the Radiology nurses participate in patient education, pediatric and adult sedation (light and moderate conscious sedation) for both pain management and in order to facilitate the imaging process in patients that are claustrophobic, for example. Our nurses engage in the taking and documenting of patient history and assessment, placement of IV's, calculation of drug dosages, drawing up of ordered medications to include contrast material, administration of medication, monitoring and recovery of patients, etc.

Our nurses also participate in the administration of moderate sedation for invasive procedures such as biopsies and drainages. Those would include assessment of the patient for safety of sedative drugs, assessment of lab work to decrease the possibility of bleeding from the patient and monitoring of the patient throughout the procedure. They are also called upon to administer sedation and assistance for interventional procedures such as facet blocks, epidural steroid injections, myelograms, blood patches, etc.

General coverage in the department for any problems which may arise with any patient is also provided.

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