

**REMINDER: ALL MEDICATION ORDERS REQUIRE DOSE, ROUTE, FREQUENCY AND INDICATION
DO NOT USE ABBREVIATIONS**

DOCTORS ORDERS VASOPRESSOR INFILTRATE PROTOCOL Dopamine (Intropin®), Dobutamine (Dobutrex®), Norepinephrine (Levophed®), Epinephrine (Adrenalin®), Phenylephrine (Neo-synephrine®)	CHECK OFF/ INITIALS
1. Discontinue Intravenous Vasopressor, if possible withdraw 3 to 5 ml of blood and then remove Intravenous catheter.	
2. Apply Nitroglycerin Ointment (Nitro-bid) 2% directly to the site, topically. Use ¼ to 1 inch, enough to cover site, every 8 hours for 24 hours as needed.	
3. Immediately inform attending physician of the extravasation.	
4. Elevate extremity, using pillows, above the level of the heart.	
5. Apply warm compress to site for 15 minutes every 6 hours for 48 hours.	
6. Do not cover with any adhesive product.	
7. After 48 hours encourage the patient to use extremity while continuing to elevate the extremity.	
<i>Observe the wound closely for the next several days for signs of increased erythema, pain or skin necrosis. If increased erythema, pain or necrosis occurs, notify physician for possible plastic surgery consult.</i>	

Physician/Date/Time:	Nurse/Date/Time:	Secretary/Date/Time:
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Full page of orders requires only one physician, one nurse and one clerical signature



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