

NURSING SKILLS CHECKLIST

Inserting a Peripheral IV Catheter

Date: _____ Facility: _____

Nurse's Name: _____

| PROCEDURE | YES | NO | N/A |
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| 1. Washes hands. | | | |
| 2. Explains procedure to patient. | | | |
| 3. Assembles equipment. | | | |
| 4. Selects appropriate vein. | | | |
| 5. Dilates vein correctly. | | | |
| 6. Cleans site with appropriate antimicrobial solution. | | | |
| 7. Selects appropriate gauge catheter. | | | |
| 8. Holds skin/vein taut during insertion. | | | |
| 9. Inserts catheter per manufacturer's directions/facility policy. | | | |
| 10. Flushes catheter per policy. | | | |
| 11. Applies transparent dressing correctly. | | | |
| 12. Secures IV tubing to prevent tension on catheter. | | | |
| 13. Documents the procedure in patient's chart according to policy. | | | |

Comments: _____

Signature of
Instructor: _____