

4.0 MEDICATIONS

4.1 Adding Medications to Solutions (e.g. Intravenous, Intraperitoneal, Irrigations)

A registered nurse may place in an intravenous bag prescribed medications as stated within each drug monograph. Medications must be added to the intravenous bag before the intravenous set is attached.

The bag must be labelled clearly with the following information:

- Name of medication
- Patient's name
- Date and time the medication was added
- Concentration or quantity of medication added
- Signature of the nurse adding the medication

When the additive (drug) volume is greater than 10% of the diluent volume, a diluent volume equal to the drug volume is removed from the container prior to adding the drug, unless otherwise stated.

No medications may be added by the Nursing Unit to IV admixture bags prepared by the Pharmacy Department.

4.2 Medications and Blood/Blood Products:

- Medications must not be added to bags containing whole blood or blood products.
- Blood administration tubing must be clamped and the line flushed with normal saline before and after injection of any medication into a blood line.