

MEMO

To: CRNA Staff

Revision of Lidocaine policy

Upon further discussion with AAAHC, CDC and USP we are revising our policy regarding MDV Lidocaine.

MDVs of Lidocaine still have to be accessed in a non-clinical area. However, according to USP 797 (United States Pharmacopeia) Lidocaine must be administered within 1 hour. Because endo cases are short you may draw up to 3 syringes at one time. Labeling and all other safe injection practices will still apply and the syringes must be administered in the one hour time limit.

Also, to comply with the one syringe, one patient policy you must keep the syringes separate. Therefore, store the clean syringes in a drawer. Do not remove the syringe until that patient is in the room to ensure that syringe is assigned to a single patient. Also, make sure to dispose of all syringes at the end of each case so that there are NO syringes on your table top at the end of each case.

All staff will be required to sign a copy of this new policy at our centers and the pharmacy consultant will be visiting to confirm compliance.

Thanks for your attention to these matters and please call with any questions

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