

# Rapid Review

## Important Points to Remember:

- Follow the protocols as written.
- All protocols can be found in PolicyTech.
- Clinical protocols are different from policies and standard operating procedure (SOP).
- PolicyTech: "Policy on Policies" for more information on policies & SOPs.

# Using and Following Protocols

**RATIONALE:** To ensure protocols are used appropriately to provide efficient, high quality care.

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All Categories + Documents

Type	Ver #	Title	Status	Actions
[A]	2	Adult Targeted Temperature Management (TTM) Protocol	Published	...
[A]	1	6 North Intravenous Infusion Titration Protocol	Published	...
[A]	1	Accessing and Deaccessing Adult Hemodialysis Catheters for CRRT Protocol	Published	...
[A]	1	Adult Alcohol Withdrawal Prevention and Management Protocol	Published	...
[A]	2	Adult and Pediatric Inpatient PICC Protocol	Published	...
[A]	2	Adult Cardiothoracic (CT) Surgery IV Insulin Infusion Protocol for Target Blood Glucose 110-150 mg/dL	Published	...
[A]	5	Adult Critical and Intermediate Care Electrolyte Replacement Protocol	Published	...
[A]	5	Adult Critical Care Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT) Electrolyte Replacement Protocol	Published	...
[A]	5	Adult Critical Care Intravenous Infusions Titration Protocol	Published	...
[A]	1	Adult Critical Care IV Insulin Infusion Protocol for Target Blood Glucose 140-180 mg/dL	Published	...
[A]	1	Adult Hypoglycemia Management Protocol	Published	...
[A]		Adult Intensive and Intermediate Care Units		

Medication Management Protocol Library  
Adult Hypoglycemia Management Protocol, #4608

**PROCEDURES**

This protocol allows a provider to order the adult hypoglycemia management protocol by means of computerized physician order entry (CPOE). The provider's order authorizes nurses to monitor for and treat hypoglycemia as defined per protocol.

1. Treat hypoglycemia using the following table:

Blood Glucose	Management	Monitoring
40-70 mg/dL and <b>ABLE</b> to take oral	15-20 grams of carbohydrates Examples: • 4 glucose tabs • 1 packet of glucose gel • 4 oz carton of juice (Do <b>NOT</b> add additional sugar) • 4 oz of soda (not diet) • 1 carton of milk	Re-check blood glucose in 15 minutes. May repeat up to 2 times if blood glucose is less than 70 mg/dL.
40-70 mg/dL and <b>UNABLE</b> to take oral	Dextrose 50% 25 mL (12 grams) IV injection	Re-check blood glucose in 15 minutes. May repeat up to 2 times if blood glucose is less than 70 mg/dL.
Less than 40 mg/dL <b>CRITICAL VALUE</b>	Dextrose 50% 50 mL (25 grams) IV injection	Re-check blood glucose with a new sample to verify the result. <b>If critical value, notify provider immediately.</b> Re-check blood glucose in 15 minutes. May repeat up to 2 times if blood glucose is less than 70 mg/dL.

\*\*\*\*Call the provider and Rapid Response Team for any altered level of consciousness.\*\*\*\*

2. Notify the provider after treatment has been administered or if hypoglycemia is not resolved after second attempt.  
3. Document all treatment in I-View for PO treatments (under Capillary Blood Glucose POC) or MAR for any medications given.

**REFERENCES AND RELATED PROTOCOLS**

1. American Diabetes Association Diabetes Care 2019 Jan; 42(Supplement 1): S173-S181. <https://doi.org/10.2337/19-S015>

## Clinical Protocol:

a mandatory, detailed, written instruction or delegated medical act that directs the care of the patient in a specific area of practice, based on an order by a Licensed Independent Practitioner (LIP), and **outside the nursing scope of practice to change.**

**ANY DEVIATION FROM THE PROTOCOL REQUIRES AN ORDER FROM THE PHYSICIAN OR OTHER LIP TAKING CARE OF THE PATIENT.**