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CONDITION	Turn IV off for:	Discard amount:	Document:
No IV	N/A	N/A	No special documentation needed.
Specimen drawn below IV line	N/A	N/A	"Specimen drawn below IV line, ___ arm" (Specify right/left arm/hand/etc.)
Specimen drawn above IV line No COAG testing ordered.	3 minutes One 'hold' session on IVAC	N/A	"Specimen drawn above IV line, ___ arm, IV off 3 minutes" (Specify right/left arm/hand/etc.)
Specimen drawn above IV line COAG testing ordered No heparin in IV line	6 minutes Two 'hold' sessions on IVAC	10ml	"Specimen drawn above IV line, ___ arm, IV off 6 minutes. 10ml discard" (Specify right/left arm/hand/etc.)
Specimen drawn above IV line COAG testing ordered Heparin in IV line	6 minutes Two 'hold' sessions on IVAC	20ml	"Specimen drawn above IV line, ___ arm, IV off 6 minutes. 20ml discard" (Specify right/left arm/hand/etc.)
Line Draw No COAG testing ordered	N/A	10ml	"Specimen drawn from LINE, 10ml discard" (Specify type of line if known.)
Line Draw COAG testing ordered.	N/A	20ml	"Specimen drawn from LINE, 20ml discard" (Specify type of line if known.)
Butterfly No IV COAG testing ordered	N/A	5ml	No special documentation needed.

SCOPE: This policy applies to UPMC Hanover Hospital.

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Notes:

1. Use plain red tubes for discard.
2. Always ask the patient's primary caregiver before placing any IV on hold.
3. Keep IV "on hold" until all bloods are drawn.
4. Do not forget to release IVAC from 'hold' after blood draw is completed.
5. Documentation is essential. When an intravenous fluid is being administered in a patient's arm, blood should not be drawn from that arm if at all possible. The test results from this blood may be erroneous and thus misleading to the physician.
6. In some clinical situations, fluid from an IV line can still contaminate the specimen even after the IV was placed on hold. You may be asked to re-draw any specimen that yields questionable results.

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