
* ADDENDUM *

HACKETTSTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Division of Nursing

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TITLE: PEDIATRIC PATIENTS

Pediatric patients undergoing minor surgical procedures (circumcision, excisions) will have vital signs taken; blood pressures will be done on patients over the age of eight. Any gross abnormalities, such as rash, jaundice, cyanosis or pallor will be reported to the physician performing the procedure and to the pediatrician if indicated. History, and all pertinent information as outlined on the Minor Procedure Nursing Record, as well as consent, are obtained from the parent accompanying the child.

Children will be given a brief explanation/demonstration of equipment that may be used for their procedure, and sensations they may experience. At no time are children to be left unattended. If permitted by the physician, a parent may stay with the child throughout the procedure. If the parent and child must be separated during the procedure, emotional support will be offered to both. Discharge instructions will be reviewed with the parent and child.