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You asked

**Q1. Do you use variable rate intravenous insulin infusion (VRIII) (formerly known as sliding scale) within your hospital?**

Yes

**If yes continue questions if no end of request**

**Q2. Is the training you offer specific to VRIII or is it included in generic IV training**

The Diabetes Inpatient Specialist Team rolled out a new variable rate intravenous infusion (VRIII) protocol in 2015 providing specific VRIII training to diabetes link nurses, ward managers and clinical educators for them to roll out to the staff in their area.

They also provided training to those staff nurses who were able to attend the training sessions. The meeting was used as a platform to highlight the new VRIII protocol. We now also use ward managers and ward educators meetings to provide further updates.

All those who attended specific training carried out by the diabetes inpatient specialist nurses were logged in their training records. The Inpatient DSN team also provide specific training for preceptorship nurses at the start of their careers. VRIII is also covered as part of mandatory e-learning within the trust on alternate years for health care staff (doctors, nurses and HCA).

Generic intravenous (IV) training also covers use of the VRIII.

**Q3. Is the VRIII training conducted by the diabetes team yes/no**

Initially by the diabetes inpatient specialist nurses, but also carried out in generic intravenous training.

The Diabetes Inpatient Specialist Team provided the training given when the new protocol was introduced. The teaching slides and teaching format was shared with the nurse educators / diabetes link nurses. The teaching was given based on the Trust standard intravenous management policy. At any point, any ward can request updates. The newly qualified are educated directly by the inpatient team with much attention on the safe use of VRIII.

The ward educators are an ongoing resource to ward staff, providing regular updates.

**Q4. If it is specific VRIII training conducted by the diabetes team is it mandatory for all staff who wish to use VRIII.**

As previously stated, specific VRIII training is covered as part of mandatory e-learning within the trust on alternate years for appropriately qualified staff. All staff must act within their competencies.

All nurses who have newly qualified will receive this training in the preceptorship programme.

An e learning safe use of insulin course is part of the mandatory update every other year. Within these slides, there are details about the different intravenous insulin charts available and the protocols themselves are very informative.

**What is specific VRIII training?**

When the new VRIII documents were released, the Diabetes Inpatient Specialist Team wanted all staff using variable rate intravenous insulin infusion to attend training group sessions to run through a PowerPoint presentation or to see slides of the power point presentation. This is because it contains details of how to set up the VRIII infusion, suitable monitoring arrangements and when to call for additional support from the doctors or the specialist team.

The ward managers were asked by the Diabetes Inpatient Specialist Team to oversee this roll out and collect the names of nurses trained.

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