

SESLHD PROCEDURE

Anticoagulation with Intravenous Heparin Sodium Infusion

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APPENDIX 4: Acute Stroke - Only to be used in consultation with the Attending Neurologist

IV Heparin Initiation Protocol: Acute Stroke			ACUTE STROKE
Initial Dosage: Bolus dose NEVER used, unless requested by Attending Neurologist			
Infusion: 25,000 units Heparin Sodium in 250mL Sodium Chloride 0.9% (100 units per mL - based on 15 units/kg/hr, MAX:1000 units/hr, rounded to nearest 0.1 mL/hour)			
WEIGHT (kg)	Infusion rate (units per hour)	Infusion Pump Rate (mL per hour)	
40	600	6	
45	675	6.7	
50	750	7.5	
55	825	8.2	
60	900	9	
65	975	9.7	
70	1,000	10	
Greater than 70	1,000	10	

IV Heparin Adjustment Nomogram: Acute Stroke				ACUTE STROKE
APTT (seconds)	Stop Infusion	IV Rate Change (mL/hr)	Repeat APTT	
Less than 40	No	Increase rate by 1 mL/hr from current rate	6 hours	
40 to 44.9	No	Increase rate by 0.5 mL/hr from current rate	6 hours	
45 to 60	Therapeutic Range No change from current rate		Repeat at 6 hours. After 2 consecutive therapeutic APTTs, check at 24 hours. Daily APTT while results are within therapeutic range	
60.1 to 65	No	Decrease rate by 0.5 mL/hr from current rate	6 hours	
65.1 to 70	No	Decrease rate by 1 mL/hr from current rate	6 hours	
70.1 to 80	No	Decrease rate by 2 mL/hr from current rate	6 hours	
Greater than 80	Stop for 120 minutes. MO review	Restart infusion after 2 hours & reduce previous rate by 2 mL/hr	6 hours after recommencing infusion	

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APPENDIX 5: Overview of Procedure – Anticoagulation with Intravenous Heparin Sodium Infusion

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Appendices	Approved Intravenous Heparin Administration Protocols in SESLHD are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSTEMI - Non ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction • STEMI - ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (in conjunction with Thrombolysis) • VTE / ATE / AF - Venous Thromboembolism / Arterial Thromboembolism / Atrial Fibrillation and other indications for therapeutic anticoagulation where a specific protocol does not exist such as for prosthetic heart valve • Acute Stroke – use only in consultation with the Attending Medical Neurologist (No bolus unless requested by Attending Neurologist)
Procedure Section	
6.1	Verify Actual Body Weight (measured)
6.2	Order & take baseline tests
6.3	Use the SESLHD Intravenous Heparin Sodium Chart (SES130.030) to: prescribe the relevant protocol, Heparin bolus and infusion, record APTT results, titration changes, confirm MO 24 hour order check, and record administration of infusions (double person check required)
6.6	Prescribe & Administer IV Heparin Bolus (only if required) No bolus for stroke patients unless requested by admitting Neurologist. No bolus for neurosurgical patients unless requested by attending Neurosurgeon with guidance from a Haematologist. Bolus injection may cause bleeding in patients already therapeutically anticoagulated – seek Haematology advice when switching anticoagulant drugs - according to the prescribed protocol and patient’s weight - administer via a designated port, lumen or cannula - flush with 5 to 10 mL Sodium Chloride 0.9% pre and post injections
6.7	Prescribe & Administer IV Heparin Infusion - via a designated port, lumen or cannula - use premixed Heparin Sodium 25,000 units in 250 mL Sodium Chloride 0.9% - prescribe initial infusion rate in accordance to the relevant protocol and patient’s weight - use a volumetric infusion pump
6.8	Order APTT tests (to be collected 6 hours after the start of the IV heparin infusion)
6.8	Collect blood for APTT 6 hours after the start of the IV heparin infusion and then 6 hours after every rate adjustment. When therapeutic range reached check APTT every 6 hours until 2 consecutive results are within the therapeutic range. Then daily while results are within therapeutic range.
6.8	Check for APTT results within 2 hours of taking sample
6.8	Review APTT result in conjunction with the nomogram - determine if a rate change is required - titrate infusion as per the nomogram NB high risk medications require a two person check of the APTT result and to titrate the infusion pump
6.8	Continue to order blood for APTT, check APTT and titrate infusion as per the nomogram until patient reaches therapeutic range
6.9	Monitor for possible Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia (HIT) - ongoing
6.9	Monitor patient for Bleeding - inspect cannulas, drains, surgical or wound sites - check for bruising, epistaxis, microscopic haematuria (urinalysis), gum bleeding-escalate concerns



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