

Emergency Care - Nurse Initiated Procedures and Treatment

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The Emergency Task Force has recommended that the WRHA Emergency Program will develop and implement standardized processes for nurse-initiated procedures/treatments. The current practice is inconsistent and does not maximize the expertise of the triage nurse to initiate diagnostic tests upon a patient's arrival. A standardized standing order for medications will be developed. The immediate ordering of tests will decrease throughput time by allowing physicians to have immediate access to lab reports and/or x-rays. A project management approach will be utilized to formalize and standardize practice across sites in the region.