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POSITION STATEMENT
03-2
Assistive Personnel Applying and Measuring Tuberculin Skin Tests

Assistive personnel may apply and measure tuberculin skin tests provided the following requirements are met.

1. The assistive personnel work under the supervision of a registered nurse employed by the Arkansas Department of Health.

2. The assistive personnel satisfactorily completes a course in applying and measuring tuberculin skin tests that includes:
    a. Five rights of medication administration
    b. Criteria for tuberculin testing
    c. Technique for administering antigen
    d. Measuring & documenting negative and reactive skin tests
    e. Criteria for immediate reporting of results to the nurse
    f. Minimum of 20 observed applications and 20 observed test measurements & documentations

3. The assistive personnel contact the RN for direction in determining if a tuberculin test is warranted when new contacts are identified.

4. The assistive personnel notify the RN of any reaction.

5. Competency is periodically re-evaluated and documented by the supervising RN.

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