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Purpose:

To ensure the safety of patients who require physical restraint.

Scope:

A patient may only be physically restrained when he/she presents as a clear danger to self or others. The restraints used will be the least restrictive possible i.e. Cravat. The device will be secured to protect the patient and treating staff.

The patient may never be left alone after the restraint is applied. Under no circumstances, is the patient to be restrained in the prone position.

In documenting patient care, the time and type of restraint must be documented as well as the reason for application. This information must be transferred to the receiving facility.