High Risk Medications	Nursing Reminders: Providing Excellent Care *All medications require a Dual Sign off by another RN. Know that you are signing off on your 6 rights of medication administration*	
Heparin Drip	☐ Obtain a baseline PTT before initiating	
	☐ Check PTT's Q6 hours. Time starts from when lab was drawn or change was made on the pump.	
	☐ If two therapeutic PTT in a row, Check PTT every day with AM labs	
	☐ Assess for bleeding (oral, rectal, airway, Foley etc.)	
	☐ If the PTT is not in the correct range, has the rate been changed appropriately?	
	☐ Hold DVT prophylaxis if on a Heparin drip	
Argatroban Drip	☐ Check PTT Q2 hours until steady state x2, then check daily with AM labs	
	☐ Assess for bleeding (oral, rectal, etc.)	
	☐ If the PTT is greater than 75, hold for 2 hours, then send another PTT and resume at half the rate.	
	☐ If the PTT is greater than 150, hold for 2 hours then send another PTT. <u>ONLY</u> resume if the PTT is in range.	
3% Hypertonic Saline Drip	<ul> <li>□ 3% NaCL a central line is recommended</li> <li>○ If rate &gt;50mL/hr OR duration &gt;36 hr, central line Required</li> </ul>	
	☐ Q2 hour sodium	
	☐ Monitor urine output, and neuro status Q2	
	☐ If the sodium is below parameter-increase rate as ordered	
	☐ If the sodium is above parameter-hold and notify MD  ○ Can give ½ NS or D5W, DDVAP for overcorrection	
Insulin Drip /DKA	☐ Drips require every hour blood glucose checks	
protocol	☐ Check to ensure the patient is on the correct IV fluids per protocol	
	☐ Monitor potassium while on insulin gtt	
	☐ If the drip is off, for how long? Should not be off for more than 2 hours	
	☐ If DKA, is the patient on the appropriate order-set? (Regular insulin drip is different from DKA insulin drip)	
Paralytic Drip	☐ Require a sedative prior to administration	
	□ <b><u>DO NOT</u></b> titrate sedative down if the patient is paralyzed.	
	$\square$ Train of 4 Q4, do not keep patient < 2of4 on TOF unless ordered	
	□ DO NOT decrease sedatives after initiation of paralytics (should not be titrated).	
	☐ Keep the BIS between 40-60 (or as ordered)	

	TOF should not be less than 2/4 unless ordered by MD
TPN Infusion	Requires a dedicated Central line port
	Must change IV tubing every 12 hours and use IV tubing filter