

# Intravenous Therapy

CNAs do not administer (insert, remove, or care for) IVs but do observe and report.

## **Observe the site for changes or problems and report if:**

- Tube or needle falls out or is removed
- Tubing disconnects
- Dressing is loose
- Blood is in tubing
- Site is swollen or discolored
- Resident reports pain
- IV bag breaks
- IV fluid not dripping or nearly gone
- Pump beeps

## **CNAs cannot:**

- Take B/P on an arm with an IV
- Get the site wet
- Pull or catch the tubing on anything
- Leave the tubing kinked
- Lower the IV bag below the IV site
- Touch the clamp
- Disconnect IV from pump or turn off alarm