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| Temperature (Oral / Axillary) | | | | NO. | |
| PURPOSE:  To ascertain the temperature of a patient’s body.  EQUIPMENT:  1. Thermometer  2. Appropriate cover  PROCEDURE: 5 min. 0.083 hr.  1. Explain procedure to patient. Do not take temperature if patient recently had hot or cold fluids.  2. Apply appropriate cover as indicated. Insert thermometer under the patient’s tongue or axillar.  3. Leave thermometer in place for three minutes or until beep sounds. Remain with patient while thermometer is in place.  4. Remove and discard cover.  5. Read and record.  6. Chart on flow sheet, report temperature to charge nurse. | | | | | |
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