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| Temperature Via Tympanic Thermometer | | | | NO. 14 | |
| PURPOSE:  To obtain the most accurate core temperature of residents when required. Temperatures are required each shift during antibiotic course of treatment. Temperature may be taken at any time for assessment of resident.  EQUIPMENT:  Tympanic Thermometer  Probe covers  PROCEDURE:  1. Gather equipment.  2. Wash hands.  3. Identify resident, explain procedure and expose ear.  4. Detach probe from base and apply probe cover.  5. Look at digital readout window and observe for “Ready” sign.  6. Pull back pinna of ear and insert covered probe into ear canal. Push scan button and wait for beep.  7. Take probe out of ear canal and read digital window for temperature.  8. Push release button and eject probe into waste receptacle. Replace probe onto base.  9. Wash hands.  10. Report any elevation of temperature >98.6 to nurse on duty.  DOCUMENTATION:  1. Document on MAR each shift during antibiotic course.  2. Document in Nurse’s note and complete assessment observed.  POINTS TO REMEMBER:  Do not drop, expose to extreme cold/heat, or water. | | | | | |
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