STANDARDIZED PROCEDURE

TOENAIL EXCISION/REMOVAL

These procedures are intended to describe procedures performed by Nurse Practitioners and/or Certified Nurse Midwives (depending on the clinical privileges granted to the individual practitioner) at UC San Diego Health.

1. Policy
   a. Midlevel practitioner preformed nail avulsion
   b. Setting – operating room, in patient units, outpatient clinic
   c. Supervision – attending physician

2. Protocol
   a. Data Base
      i. Nail avulsion procedure will alleviate pain secondary to friction from the shoe gear
      ii. This allows a new nail to re-grow without deforming toes
      iii. Obtain informed consent from patient or family after explained risks and benefits of procedure.
   b. Action
      i. Wash hands and don protective clothing
      iii. The spatula/elevator is used to separate the nail plate from the nail bed
      iv. A hemostat may be then used to avulse the nail
      v. Apply appropriate wound coverage
      vi. Dispose of sharp equipment to sharp container.
   c. Record Keeping – procedure will be documented in procedure note or surgery op note
   d. Consultation - Referral to physician or specialty clinician: conditions for which the diagnosis and or treatment are beyond the scope of the midlevel practitioner’s knowledge and or skill, or for those conditions that require consultation.

VII. RESPONSIBILITY
Please contact the Advanced Practice Council if you need help. The administrative assistant for the Chief Nursing Officer can direct you. Call; 619-543-3438

VIII. HISTORY OF POLICY
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