

SBAR for Policy Change: Ending Treatment on the Braun

Situation:

The policy previously titled "Braun Uncoupling Procedure – Long Form" is being renamed to "Ending Treatment on the Braun" to align with industry standard terminology. In conjunction, the Uncoupling Procedure – Short Form is being retired for consistency in practice and training.

Background:

The current terminology and multiple procedure forms have led to confusion and inconsistency across the organization. The shift to a single, standardized policy improves clarity, will streamline training, and ensure alignment with best practices.

Assessment:

The newly updated procedure includes significant safety enhancements:

- **Improved post-treatment reinfusion** by connecting the arterial blood line to the **sterile port on the saline line**, eliminating the need to manually pressurize the saline bag, which can damage the vascular access.
- **Reduced risk of air in the bloodlines** by no longer bypassing the air detector, supporting safer patient outcomes.
- Consolidating into one policy ensures **uniformity** in training and performance expectations across all staff.

Recommendation:

- All staff are **required** to:
 1. **Watch the training video** on the updated procedure
 2. **Read the new policy** document
 3. Be **signed off by a preceptor** to confirm competency
- The **Uncoupling Procedure – Short Form** is officially retired and should no longer be used.
- **Effective June 30th**, the new policy titled "**Ending Treatment on the Braun**" will be in place.