

IREDELL HEALTH SYSTEM

Concentrated Electrolytes	
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Policy:

Concentrated electrolytes (i.e., potassium chloride 2 mEq/mL, potassium phosphate 4.4 mEq/mL, potassium acetate 2 mEq/mL, sodium chloride in a concentration greater than 0.9%) are stored in a manner to reduce the potential for medication errors.

Procedure:

- Concentrated electrolytes are stored only in the pharmacy and are segregated from other stock.
- IV admixtures containing these drugs should be double checked prior to dispensing. This is accomplished by a pharmacist double checking the work of a technician or a second pharmacist checking what another pharmacist has prepared.
- Shelves containing concentrated electrolytes are labeled as follows:
“Concentrated Electrolytes-Dilute Before Administration.”

INITIAL EFFECTIVE DATE: 04/2004

DATES REVISIONS EFFECTIVE: 10/2010, 06/2014, 10/2017, 10/2020

DATES REVIEWED (no changes):