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NO NAME MEDICAL CENTER Takes Immediate Action in Response to Healthcare Provider Incorrectly Using Patient Supplies

CITY, STATE - DATE - Administrators at NO NAME MEDICAL CENTER recently learned a healthcare provider incorrectly used patient supplies intended for single-use on more than one patient. This matter carne to light when an individual reported seeing the healthcare provider use the same saline bag and a portion of tubing more than once. A thorough review of one healthcare provider's practice when administering intravenous fluids during adult cardiac chemical (pharmacological) stress tests was conducted and administrators suspended the healthcare provider pending the outcome of a full investigation. The healthcare provider subsequently resigned and has been reported to the STATE Board.

As with any patient safety concern raised, NO NAME MEDICAL CENTER is in the process of conducting a detailed review to determine if patients who received cardiac chemical stress tests at NO NAME MEDICAL CENTER may have been put at any risk of exposure to bloodborne infections. The period under review is from MONTH YEAR through MONTH YEAR, which coincides with this individual's employment dates.

Patients who have undergone regular stress tests, which are typically done on a treadmill with electrodes attached to the body, are not affected.

NO NAME MEDICAL CENTER has been investigating this rigorously and, in the process, has consulted with expert physicians and a team of epidemiology and infection experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT and the COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Also, the hospital notified the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA).

NO NAME MEDICAL CENTER has responded to the situation with a series of immediate steps:

• Conducted a thorough review of the medical files of patients who came in contact with the healthcare provider for a chemical stress test from MONTH YEAR through MONTH YEAR.

• Identified X NUMBER patients who received cardiac chemical stress tests administered by the healthcare provider.

• Sent letters via certified mail to all patients informing them of the issue and providing the hotline number and details regarding follow-up screenings.

• Made arrangements with LABORATORY NAME, for follow-up patient screenings. NO NAME MEDICAL CENTER will be responsible for the cost.

• Established a 24-bour patient hotline and webpage with additional information.

• Sent certified letters to referring physicians to inform them if any of their patients should be tested.

• Followed proper reporting procedures with local, state and national regulatory bodies, including appropriate reporting of the healthcare provider's practice.

"'This is an individual's unacceptable practice that once discovered was immediately corrected," said NAME, CEO of NO NAME MEDICAL CENTER. ''We at NO NAME MEDICAL CENTER understand that this is alarming and may be frightening but want to assure our patients we will assist in every way possible."

For additional information or questions, concerned patients should contact the dedicated
24-hour hotline at NUMBER or visit [WEBSITE.](http://www.browardbealth.org/patienlnotice)