



PROCEDURE FOR ADVERSE REACTIONS TO VENIPUNCTURE

Adverse reaction to venipuncture may include syncope, weakness, pallor, sweating, dizziness, loss of consciousness, convulsions, or incontinence. Patients may be cold, blood pressure and pulse may drop significantly.

The following interventions may be implemented as needed. The ER can be called at any time. If you are in an off-site clinic, obtain assistance from your provider.

1. Lie down with feet up.
2. Assure adequate airway.
3. Instruct patient to breathe slowly and deeply.
4. Loosen tight clothing.
5. Provide support for nausea and vomiting: lie on side to decrease risk of aspiration.
6. If muscle spasms occur due to hyperventilation, have patient breathe into cupped hands.
7. Call ER if clinically indicated.