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(PLEASE INDICATE ABOVE WHICH LOCATION)

**Cosyntropin (ACTH) STIMULATION TEST**

**PATIENT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ALLERGIES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DIAGNOSIS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ICD-10 CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION:** 0.25mg (250 mcg) of Cosyntropin in 1 ml of Sterile Saline for injection. Cosyntropin for injection may be administered intramuscularly when used as a rapid screening test for adrenal function.

**TESTING PROTOCOL:**

- A. Provider orders an ACTH Cosyntropin Stimulation Panel (Includes Baseline and 60 minute Cortisol levels).  
NOTE: *Fasting is not required for the test.*
- B. Testing performed in the Infusion Center will be scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 1 and 4 PM. NOTE: *If test needs to be repeated patient must wait 72 hours.*
- C. Obtain blood specimen for a baseline Cortisol level. Nursing staff will draw a control (basal) for Cortisol testing just prior to the administration of the medication.  
NOTE: *Use a Gold SST lab tube – must be full.*
- D. Nursing staff administers the CORTROSYN intramuscularly (IM).
- E. Nursing staff will draw a second blood sample for Cortisol exactly 60 minutes after the medication is administered.

**FOR INJECTION REACTION:**

Itching, flushing or hives

- Start IV
- Administer diphenhydramine 25 mg IVP (Maximum of 75 mg within 4 hours including pre-medications)
- If diphenhydramine dose is maxed out may administer methylprednisolone 40 mg IVP
- Contact provider and document treatment plan

**FOR ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION:**

Rapidly progressing hives, SOB, wheezing, chest tightness, decreased O<sub>2</sub> saturation or angioedema

- Contact Rapid Response Team if provider is not able to respond to bedside
- Start IV
- Start sodium chloride 0.9% at 999 ml/hr with new tubing
- Assess vital signs and O<sub>2</sub> saturations every 5 minutes
- Administer oxygen as clinically indicated to maintain O<sub>2</sub> saturation >92%
- Administer Epinephrine 0.3 mg IM in lateral thigh
- Contact provider and document treatment plan

**PROVIDER SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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