SUCTION CURETTAGE FOR INCOMPLETE ABORTION

POLICY STATEMENT:

This procedure is performed by the physician with privileges for this procedure. To be performed in ED or OR only.

PURPOSE:

To remove tissue from uterus.

SUPPORTIVE DATA:

1. Patient's husband/significant other may remain with her during procedure if the patient desires.
2. Monitor vital signs for indication of hemorrhage.
3. Be prepared to start IV and administer IV medication as indicated.

EQUIPMENT LIST: (LOCATION OF EQUIPMENT: OB-GYN ROOM)

1. Suction pump
2. Connecting tubing
3. Uterine suction curette set
4. Instruments: ring forceps, vaginal speculum, tenaculum. May also need curette and graduated dilators.
5. Sterile cotton balls
6. Sterile gloves
7. Sterile specimen cup
8. 10% Formalin
9. Peri-Pad

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<td>2. Obtain consent signature after patient has been fully informed by physician.</td>
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<td>3. Set up and prepare equipment.</td>
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<td>a. Adjust Mayo stand</td>
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<td>b. Open wrapper from speculum and place on Mayo table to create a sterile field.</td>
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<td>c. Using sterile technique, open each instrument requested by physician and place on sterile field.</td>
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<td>d. Place suction curette set on sterile field</td>
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<td>e. Plug in suction pump.</td>
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<td>f. Ensure that suction tubing and tissue trap are properly connected. Cover open ports with blue caps.</td>
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4. Patient preparation:
   a. Have patient void and undress from the waist down.
   b. Inititate IV if ordered & be prepared to give pain medication if needed.
   c. Place patient in lithotomy position with her feet in stirrups. Place blue chux under buttocks.
   d. Have patient slide buttocks down to edge of table.
   e. Adjust the drape to minimize exposure and to provide the physician an unobstructed view of the perineum.

5. Turn pump on.
6. Keeping one end of connecting tubing sterile, attach other end to suction pump and hand sterile end to physician so that he may attach it to curette set.
7. Immediately after procedure, remove patient's feet from stirrups.
8. Place all tissue in sterile cups, cover with Formalin, label container, send to lab with completed pathology slip.
9. Administer Pitocin 1 ml. IM if ordered by physician.
10. Check vital signs.
11. Evaluate skin color, temp, and LOC.
12. Administer analgesics if ordered.
13. Provide patient with peri-pad, wash basin with warm water and soap. Assist in dressing if necessary.
14. Evaluate amount of bleeding.

DOCUMENTATION:

Document events and patient's response on ED record.

REFERENCES:

