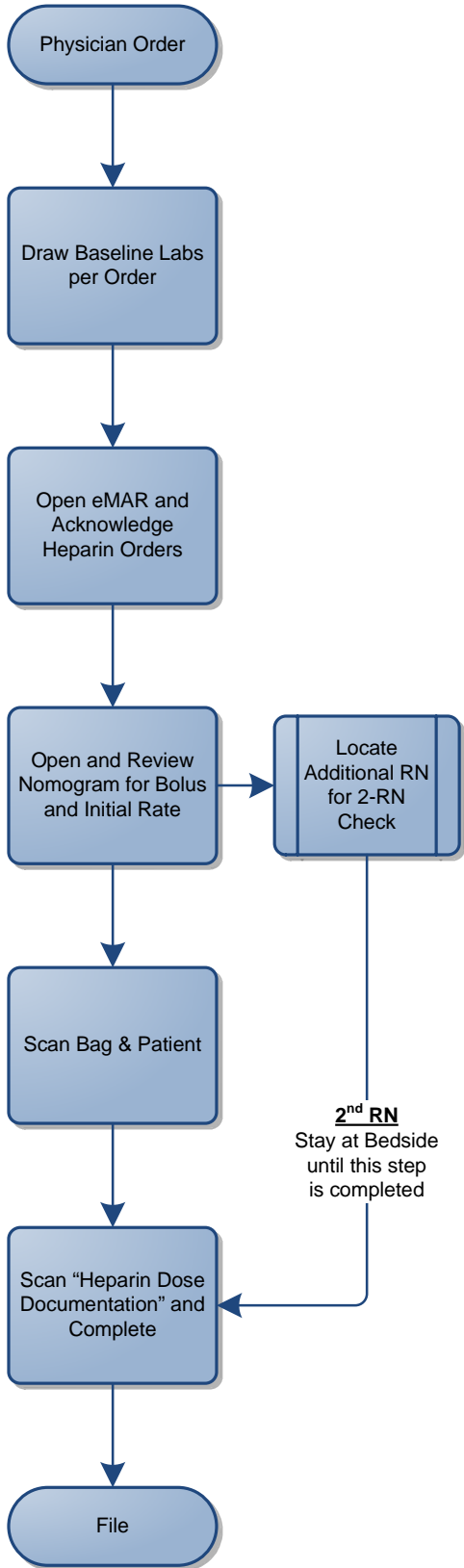
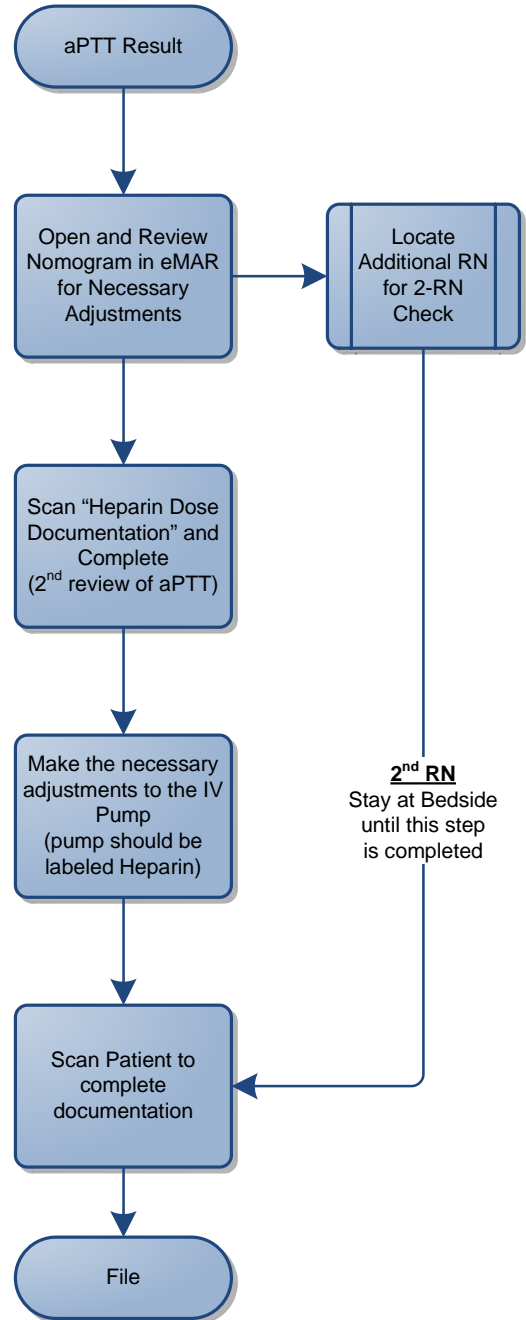


Heparin IV Drip Initiation



Heparin IV Drip Adjustments and/or Rate Documentation



Two-RN Verification Process for Heparin Infusion

Certain medications like heparin require a two-RN verification prior to administration. This is confirmed by the entry of the verifying RN's mnemonic into the computer after the patient is scanned. This verification is more than a formality; it is a crucial step in ensuring patient safety. It is important to understand what information you are responsible for before you enter your mnemonic.

For heparin infusion, two-RN verification requires the following:

1. The primary RN receives the lab results, consults the nomogram and determines what, if any, bolus or rate adjustment is required. He or she then gathers any needed medication or supplies.
2. The primary RN and verifying RN meet at the patient's bedside. Patient identity, lab results, nomogram, bolus and rate are confirmed by the verifying RN.
3. The verifying RN checks that the right medication is drawn up in the right dosage for any bolus, that the pump is programmed correctly and that the correct medication is infusing.
4. At this time the verifying RN's mnemonic is entered.

What is not two-RN verification? Completing any part of the verification process but skipping the rest or completing it anywhere but at the bedside.

The heparin changes will begin at **0900** on **April 1, 2015**.