New Admit to Hemodialysis Unit

AVF
- Start Cannulation Protocol
- New AVF evaluated by surgeon @ 4-6wks for proper maturation
  - Not Maturing
    - Fistulagram by Surgeon—Not IR—Neph/NP to call Surgeon Directly
    - Surgeon to decide next step, i.e. revision or first use.
  - If AVF appears Mature and ready to cannulate, Neph/RN to order first cannulation date.
  - If NO problems, continue w/ cannulation protocol. Remove CVC when appropriate, according to policy.

CVC
- Vein Mapping and Consult w/in 2 wks. AVF placed w/in 1 month of starting HD.

AVG
- Cannulate per protocol

New AVF placed w/in 1 month of starting HD.

Surgeon to give Timeframe for first cannulation.

Maturing Nicely
- Nephrologist/RN Assessment to decide cannulation date. Approximately 6-8 weeks after placement. Ultrasound if unsure, to check for “Rule of 6’s”

If AVF appears Immature, order fistulagram by surgeon—NOT IR—Neph/NP to call Surgeon

If difficulty cannulating, surgeon to do Fistulagram and decide next step.

*Algorithm applies to mutual patients of IN-IM East and Community Heart and Vascular only. Must have approval from Medical Director.