Procedure:

For adults >/= 60 y.o. presenting to the Emergency Department with abdominal pain

Administration of Intervention:

1. Emergency Department RNs will ensure that patient is NPO until assessed by MD
2. Fentanyl protocol is instituted
3. Abdominal lab panel, urinalysis, VBG and lactate are ordered
4. Bedside ultrasound moved into room for MD to rapidly rule-out AAA

Guidelines

In unstable patients, MD to be called to assess patient immediately

Directive acknowledges the high incidence of significant morbidity and mortality in elderly patients with abdominal pain

References:


