

Intramuscular Injection Worksheet:

2010

You are assigned to care for an elderly 75 kg patient that has just returned from surgery following repair of a fractured hip. The patient has an intravenous infusion of Lactated Ringers infusing at 100 ml/hour with a PCA pump ordered.. The physician has ordered Toradol 60 mg IM every 6 hours.

1. What information do you need to know about the patient before you administer the Toradol?
2. What gauge of needle should be used for this patient?
3. Identify the muscle sites that may be used for this injection.
4. What supplies should the nurse gather to administer an IM medication?
5. At what angle and rate should the nurse administer the Toradol injection?
6. Outline the step by step sequence of administering this medication.