**CARE OF THE PATIENT WITH AN INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON PUMP**

**Intended Audience:**
Any Registered Nurse involved in care of the patient with an intra-aortic balloon pump.

**Purpose:**
To increase the knowledge and skills of the critical care nurse caring for patients requiring an intra-aortic balloon pump.

**Objectives:**
1. Discuss cardiovascular physiology as it relates to the function of the intra-aortic balloon pump (IABP).
2. Describe physiological effects of intra-aortic balloon pumping.
3. List indications and contraindications for use of the IABP.
4. Identify components of Datascope IABPs.
5. Demonstrate procedure for assisting with insertion of an intra-aortic balloon.
6. Demonstrate initial set-up, ongoing operation, and troubleshooting of the IABP.
7. Outline nursing care of the patient receiving IABP therapy.
8. Describe procedure for documentation on the IABP flowsheet.
9. State major complications associated with IABP therapy.

**When:**
Thursday, May 12, 2016 0800-1530

**Where:**
Learning Center A

**Faculty:**
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**CEUs:**
Approved for 0.78 Nursing CEUs through Allen College, IBN Provider #127; must attend entire session to receive credit.

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